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BEHOLD... A Child Is Born



And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men.



JOYOUS NOEL AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

From The Staff Of The Advertiser News And
The Sardella Family
Ric, Betsy, Kaitlin, And Chase



Editorial

LETTERS to the EDITOR



Moreno To Dispute Election

By this writing I in no way am attempting to disturb the elected candidates nor the non-elected candidates. My purpose is to point out the slipshod, unethical, and yes, illegal workings surrounding the election and recount of the last election November 17th, 1987.

I am asking the Secretary of State's office to investigate the following events as seen and recorded by myself and other candidates and ask that they make clear the mechanics of a recount and the commissioner's duties. With two major questions in law can an "appointed official" serve as a member of the commission Chapter 51, Section 25 and also in a city does Chapter 51, Sections 16A and 17 apply to clerks.

I, Valentine R. Moreno, as a candidate have written the following from my notes taken at the recount of November 17th council election.

Questions and events were listed in no special order and witnessed by some 60 candidates and voters and attorneys.

The decision that determined the election for one candidate was made in secret by the clerk and certain private citizens.

Candidates were not advised that they had a right to inspect the election machines before the polls opened on election day.

Some machines were not sealed after the closing of the polls—records of sealings were not presented when requested.

Seals of machines were broken at many points during election day, and record of same were not certified by the Board of Registrars.

A Precinct 3 machine was inoperable when voters wanted to cast the 11 votes they were entitled to, there are witnesses.

Town Clerk Richard Theroux would not show records of how long machines were down, and claimed no one lost the chance to vote. He refused to answer the request of just when the machines were down.

A Precinct 5 machine was troubled by the releasing mechanism—it wouldn't release the sheets. Theroux forced them out with no other board member present—no record kept or certified down time.

How could the glaring error that resulted in 90 votes being found for Edward Caba if all the records were sealed and locked up as they should have been? No record of how and when opened, and by whom?

How did one unqualified Board of Registrar member sit in on the recount? He holds political appointment.

How can the city clerk of Agawam (Theroux) be one of the four commissioners? What does Chapter 51, Section 16A tell us? A read it to say he cannot.

How could the Clerk Theroux and a board member (both Democrats), make a determination by breaking into the records to determine the winners? Without a representative of the town's Republican Party (plus no quorum)?

Voting lists were not used in recount to certify a proper count.

Odometer numbers were not used to determine the final vote count.

Certification of some machines were not made to determine if zeroed. Some machines were not zeroed and not sealed.

Theroux refused to allow candidates at recount to inspect machines. He refused all candidates present.

Why were votes counted from transcripts but not from original machine sheets.

Theroux denied the petitioners their right to bring petitions partially—that they need not all be filed at the same time.

When challenged about the Precinct 5 machine being down (that's where the 90 vote error was found), Theroux claimed the breakdown didn't affect the election. He had no certification of same.

How could Theroux possibly know what the total vote was if he didn't get the jammed sheets from the machines? He broke the seal on his own (alone) - no commissioners were with him, and no record was signed by the board.

There were complaints that show the possible use of white-out.

The print-outs were, in some cases, totally unreadable. The recount showed many changes in votes—even though no candidates were moved.

Legitimate legal questions were put to the Board of Registrars. Questions put to the Registrars were ignored and/or they refused to answer. We made formal requests and they, the board, wouldn't make a decision.

A Precinct 6 machine was down. They had no record of this.

All absentee ballots of voters are not listed on the voters list.

The Registrars, on the advice of the town attorney, refused to answer any questions.

Were the machines sealed? How many times? Do you have all the odometer numbers? We received no answers and no records.

Made review of records with only one commissioner present, upon which the winners were announced.

One board member says the problems should be addressed by the town clerk—the law says the commission shall have all authority (no single person at any time can make a decision without other Board of Registrars present, but that's the way it was).

Problems were not addressed by the full Board of Registrars.

The Board of Registrars was not present or available through the day of election while all this was going on.

Theroux agrees that certification of machine papers and transcription of the vote count from the machine papers, to the summary sheets by the precinct wardens, were not checked or balanced out.

Theroux admits the poll workers were not instructed to certify the counts.

The fact that no changes were made of the candidates' winning or losing does not excuse the slipshod conditions allowed by the Commission. Is it Theroux's job to run the whole show—the board is paid to do the whole show.

One candidate seemed to be satisfied. How about the other 21 candidates being satisfied?

The recount by law, under these circumstances (22 candidates) makes it mandatory that all candidates in the race had to be a part of the recount, Theroux said no!

There are voters who are willing to swear that they couldn't vote for the 11 they were entitled to.

Theroux said, "I stated at the recount that along with my office staff we checked the voting machine sheets twice. There was no change from the November 3rd count or the recount November 17th. His office staff were not sworn registrars.

The Board of Registrars refused to answer legal and proper questions on the advice of the town solicitor.

A challenge was made by a candidate that under Chapter 51, Section 16A and 17, was the city clerk Theroux, properly qualified and/or allowed to be a Registrar, the Registrar was asked to make a determination with the town solicitor. They refused to answer.

They also refused to qualify if a member of the Board of Registrars, who holds a municipal appointment, is qualified to serve. They totally refused an advice of the city solicitor.

Valentine R. Moreno
Florida Drive-Agawam

Here's One For You, Dad!

To my father, John Kilcoyne:

Dear Dad:
One of the first things you and Mom taught me, as a child, was to say, "Thank you," and "I love you." Somehow, as an adult, being a parent myself, and teaching those same words to my own children, the words are harder to say, now.

Being "all grown up" really isn't that easy, Dad, and I've taken things for granted, like you would always be there (like you always have been).

When I was going through a bad time with a divorce, you took me, and your grandchildren, back under your wing. You and Mom gave us support and love, as well as financial help, far beyond what I could ever repay.

When I remarried, you were there to shore our happiness, and to make sure we were going to a man who would love us and take care of us.

Seeing you in the hospital, hooked-up to all those machines, really scared me, because I was afraid that all the things I wanted to say, I'd never have the chance to say to you.

After your open heart surgery, I looked at you sleeping in your bed, and I promised myself, that from now on, I would make sure that you knew how I really felt.

I'm one of those people that believes if you are a giving person, someday you will be rewarded. Now, that belief is confirmed, even more. Because of all the good things that you have done for other people, for all the love you have shared, and the smiles and laughter you've given away, God granted you back your life.

I'm writing this, Dad, because I want other people to know that it's never too late to say "thank-you," and you're never too old to say, "I love you."

You've been a wonderful father. You have given guidance and support, and always made bad things seem a little better.

Thank-you, Dad, for being there for me, when I needed you—far making me smile instead of cry, and for setting such a good example of sharing your love.

This Christmas will truly be one filled with great joy, laughter, and family love.

I love you, Dad.

Merry Christmas
Your daughter,
Joan

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AHS Hockey Says Thanks
To The Editor:

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Our new season is about to start—we look forward to seeing you at the games!

Agawam Hockey Booster Club

Police Announce Crime Stats For Last Week

Wayne Macey, Crime Prevention officer for the Agawam Police Department, today released the following statistics for week ending Saturday, December 19th.

Crime stats include 159 calls answered and eight arrests.

Activity included two breaking and entering, three assault and battery, eight arrests, nine larcenies, seven malicious damages, 17 nuisance persons, 22 suspicious activity, 13 alarms, 15 property damage due to accidents, three personal injuries due to accidents, one Fire Department assist, eight ambulance assists, five citizen arrests, eight disabled motor vehicles, two missing persons (one returned), and 11 civil disturbances.

On December 14th, **Robert E. Averill**, 21 Parkedge Drive, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Detective Stanley Chmielewski, Jr. and Detective Thomas Marmo.

On December 15th, **Joanne K. Navone**, 178 Birch Park Circle, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding West Springfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi and Paul Murphy.

On December 18th, **Gus Santiago**, 198 Rowdin Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with violation of a restraining order. Arresting officers were Richard Curry and Joe Edwards.

On December 19th, **Steven A. Zabrowski**, 513½ Emery Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with violation of a restraining order. Arresting officers were Walter Lettellier and Anthony Malone.

On December 19th, **Frank J. Seahill, Jr.**, 18 Thicos Mountain Road, New Fairfield, Connecticut, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, speeding, being a minor in possession of alcohol, and failure to keep to the right. Arresting officers were Steven Draghetti and Richard Curry.

On December 19th, **Walter J. Gonet, Jr.**, Elmwood Avenue, Holyoke, was arrested and charged with assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon. Weapon involved was a hammer and the assault occurred at Agawam Twin Cinemas. Arresting officers were James Orsotti and Richard Curry.

Merry Christmas From
Agawam Police Dept.

Christmas is traditionally a time for all to relax, reflect, and find a calm to replace the stress of everyday living, and reduce the speed at which we pace our existence.

It is a time to find someone or something upon which we can focus our attention and experience the spirit of the season; a time for remembering holidays past with fond recollection, and hope for happiness in the future.

It's a time to think of others and acquire a feeling for those around us; a time where business as usual should take a back-seat to more important holiday obligations; a time for all of us to say what we feel and mean what we say; and a time to smell the pine, see the lights, hear the music, watch the snow fall, and feel the warmth of friends, a fire, and the season.

On behalf of Chief of Police Stanley Chmielewski, Captain Richard Light, Lieutenant Robert Campbell, myself, and all the men of the Agawam Police Department, best wishes for a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and the realization of peace and inner calm.

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After Joys Of Christmas Season, Guess What Is Waiting For You?; Taxes - IRS Hotline

Q. What telephone number do I call to obtain IRS tax help?

A. You can call the IRS for answers to your federal tax questions at 523-1040 in Boston. Elsewhere in New England, use the toll-free number 1-800-424-1040.

Q. Where may I call to obtain additional IRS tax forms?

A. You can call in Massachusetts the IRS toll-free number 1-800-424-FORM.

Q. What if I need just one or two forms, where can I go?

A. Most local IRS offices will have available many forms and publications. Another place to go is your local library, bank or post office. Or write to: Forms Distribution Center, P.O. Box 25866, Richmond, VA, 23260.

Q. What is Tele-Tax?

A. The IRS provides recorded tax information tapes covering such areas as filing requirements, dependents, itemized deductions, and tax credits. Tele-tax is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to taxpayers with a push-button phone. Tele-tax is also available during normal business hours to taxpayers using a rotary phone. In the Boston area, call 523-8602. In the Springfield area, call 413-739-6624 with a pushbutton phone only. For all others, a toll-free number has been provided by calling 1-800-554-4477.

Q. Is there any telephone assistance for the deaf?

A. Yes. Telephone assistance services for the deaf or hearing-impaired who have access to TV/Telephone-TTY equipment 8:00 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. EST (January 1st to April 15th) and 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST (April 16th to December 31st).

Q. Is there any general guide available that lists the IRS services and information?

A. Yes, Publication 910, "Guide to Free Tax Services," is available by using the order form in the tax package, or by calling the IRS at 1-800-424-FORM.

Q. Is there any publication that summarizes the tax law changes brought about by the Tax Reform Act of 1986?

A. Yes. You can obtain the Publication 920, "Explanation of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 for Individuals," and Publication 921, "Explanation of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 for Business."

Q. Can I go to any IRS office and have my return prepared for me?

A. While the IRS will not prepare your tax return for you, assistants are available in most IRS offices to help you. An assistant will "walk through" a return with you and a number of other people in a group setting.

Q. Is there any other place that I can go for assistance in preparing my tax return?

A. Free help is available in most communities to lower-income, elderly, non-English speaking and handicapped people and also to members of the military who need assistance in preparing Form 1040EZ, Form 1040A and the basic form 1040. Call the toll-free telephone number in your area for the location of the volunteer assistance site near you. If you receive a Federal Income Tax Forms Package in the mail, be sure to take it with you to the assistance site.

Q. Can I be trained to prepare tax returns by the IRS in order to help others?

A. Yes. There are Taxpayer Education programs that depend upon volunteer participation. Volunteers who have successfully completed an IRS training program provide Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) or Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE). This community service may take place at such sites as libraries, churches and community centers. Call 1-800-424-1040 for more information.

Q. If I have moved since the end of the year, which address should I put on my return?

A. After you have completed your return, peel your address label off and place it in the address area of your Form 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ. Make necessary name and address changes on the label. If you did not receive a tax package, merely print in your name, current address and social security number in the spaces provided. You do not have to use the address where you lived while earning the income.

Q. If you move to another city and state after December 31st, 1987, should I mail my return for the past year to the IRS Service Center where I have been filing?

A. No. Show your address and mail your return to the IRS Service Center that covers the area where you now live. If you live in Massachusetts, mail your return to: IRS Service Center, Andover, MA, 05501.

FIRE-WISE

by Fire Chief Rusty Jenks

Important Holiday Tips

Publicity about drinking and driving means more and more people party at home during the holidays. Groups assign a "designated driver" who does not imbibe. Party givers invite friends and family to spend the night if they've had too much to drink. The Agawam Fire Department reminds you that drinking at home poses its own set of hazards.

The holiday season is a time for festive gatherings. That often means drinks, mulled wines, or egg nogs that pack an alcoholic punch. Those holiday parties are fun, but alcohol dulls a drinker's senses, making fire hazards an even greater risk than usual. Studies have shown that more than one-third of those who die during fires had enough alcohol in their blood to be legally drunk. These people were victims of a double whammy.

First, people under the influence of alcohol tend to be more careless and invite fire to strike. They drop cigarettes and matches into upholstered furniture, bedding and carpeting—even their own clothing—without noticing. They knock over candles and space heaters without noticing.

Second, they fall asleep—sound asleep—easily. And they are hard to wake. So they usually don't hear a sounding smoke detector or calls of "fire!" Even if they awaken, their reactions are not quick or rational enough to save themselves.

So if you're going to drink, limit yourself to one drink per hour—whether beer, wine, or hard liquor. More will make you drunk enough to start a careless fire and too drunk to save yourself if you have to.

And if any of your guests spends the night in your home, plan to help them wake up and get out if a fire should break out. A house that's just hosted a party is a high-risk place for a fire to start. Cigarettes dropped into cushions smolder unnoticed for hours—waiting for everyone to be asleep—before erupting into flames.

House parties are safer than drinking in public places because there is greater chance that drinkers will be stopped from driving by friends or family. Never let loved ones drive drunk. And if someone tells you you shouldn't drive, don't argue with them—stay or let someone else drive. Have a "designated non-drinker" even at stay-home parties. Keep this holiday season joyous.

SEE FIRE-WISE — Page 8...

For all the hometown news, townsfolk turn our pages every week - ADVERTISER NEWS

Christmas Blessings



To One And All

State
Representative
**MICHAEL
WALSH**

Here Comes Santa Claus To Perry Lane Park



AT PERRY LANE PARK this past Saturday, Santa Claus arrived by helicopter with his special helper (left), and was greeted by his designated elves-for-a-day - members of the Agawam Junior High School's cheerleading squad. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Agawam Vet's Office Calling All POWs

Agawam Veteran Service Director, Ruth Bitzas, has been advised by the former POW Program at Boston Veteran Administration Outpatient Clinic that the U.S. Government will be issuing a prestigious medal to all former Prisoners of War sometime between now and May 1988.

Ex-POW's or their widows are requested to contact the Western Hampden District Veteran Service Office, located in the Agawam Town Hall Annex—786-0400,

extension 236. This includes veterans of Agawam, Southwick, Granville, and Tolland.

A special pinning ceremony is being planned by the Veterans Administration in Boston. Please contact our office as soon as possible so that we may submit these names and insure that those veterans in our area who gave so much for our freedom will receive this special honor.

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Cranraspberry Drink - ½ Gal.	\$1.49
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USDA Choice Whole Butt Tenderloins	\$4.49 Lb.

Joyous Noel
From The Staff

Agawam Obituaries

Harry N. Abell

Harry N. Abell, 78, of 11 Silver Street, Agawam, a retired stockbroker for 50 years for the Hartford office of the brokerage firm now known as Shearson Lehman Brothers, Inc., died in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. He retired in 1980.

A lifelong resident of Agawam, he graduated from Agawam High School and attended Bay Path Junior College and Boston University. He participated on the high school baseball team and played semi-professional baseball. He was a member of the Mawaga Club and Orthodox Lodge of Masons in West Springfield. He was a past president of the Agawam Center Cemetery Association and a former member of the board of trustees of the Agawam Baptist Church.

He leaves his wife, the former Evelyn B. Brooks; a son, Arthur N. of Hendersonville, North Carolina; a daughter, Donna B. Gibbs of Plymouth; a sister, Shirley Repp of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and two grandchildren.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 57 Suffolk Street, Holyoke, MA, 01040.

Bernard Cummings

Bernard Cummings, 87, of Cooper Street, a retired employee of A.G. Spalding Company, in Chicopee, died in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. He previously worked as a carpenter for various local con-

tractors.

He was a member of Liberty Methodist Church, and was also an active regional worker with the blind.

He leaves two sons, Donald R. Kenyon and Gifford Kenyon, both of Springfield; five grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Dickinson-Streeter Funeral Home, Springfield, with burial in Fairview Cemetery, Chicopee. Memorial contributions may be made to the Division of the Blind.

Estelle M. Quirk

Estelle M. (Marcinkiewicz) Quirk, 75, of 95 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, a retired 23-year employee of the Monarch Life Insurance Company, died in Mercy Hospital, Springfield. She retired in 1974.

Born in Athol, she had lived in Agawam for 27 years, and was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church. She was a founder of the first chapter of Gold Star Wives in Springfield that began during the 1940s. Her husband, James T. Quirk, died in 1944.

She leaves a daughter, Patricia J. Napolitan of Agawam; a brother, Bernard of Ludlow; two sisters, Nellie Renth of Springfield and Joan Murphy of Ludlow; and two grandsons.

The funeral was at the Colonial Funeral Home and in St. Theresa's Church with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John the Evangelist Church building fund, P.O. Box 589, Agawam, MA, 01001.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, on THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1988 at 7:30 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of PAUL LAGASSE JR. who is seeking relief from Section 20-38 of the Zoning By-Law to allow the construction of a single family residence on a lot with less than the required frontage on the premises identified as LOT NO. 20 BARRY ST.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald LaRiviere, Chairman

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LEGAL NOTICE

FIRE-WISE - From Page 5...

Some New Year's Resolutions Can Save Your Life

About this time every year people feel obliged to make resolutions—ways they pledge to reform in the new year.

More than 6,000 Americans will die in home fires during the new year—one death every 90 minutes. Most of them will die because they weren't prepared. They don't take the time to prevent fire and they didn't learn how to save themselves and their families in case of fire. Don't become one of those statistics.

Make and practice a fire escape plan for your home. Be sure each family member knows at least two different ways to escape in case one way is blocked by fire. And set a meeting place so you'll know everyone is out safely. Don't plan to call the fire department before you escape—go next door after you're all safely outside. And never go back inside once you're safely out—not for any reason.

Install, maintain, and test smoke detectors in your home. Even if you're renting your home or apartment, buy some if they're not already in place. Smoke detectors now cost less than a couple of movie tickets, so there's no need to wait. If you now have only one detector, get more for other parts of your house. Place them so they protect you from fires that start in the basement, garage or other storage area. If your detectors are wired into the electric system, get battery-operated detectors for back-up in case the power goes out.

Check your home for common fire hazards. You've known them since you were in grade school, but you probably have some in your house just the same. That's why they're called "common" hazards. Make it a family project to get your home ship shape today. Don't give fire a place to start.

Own and know how to operate portable fire extinguishers. One in the kitchen is most important because so many fires start there. Garages and basements are good places for extra extinguishers. And don't wait for a fire to learn how to use it—that's too late.

And fix up your fire-risk habits. Do you smoke in bed, or even in a comfortable sofa or chair that might lull you to sleep? Are your ashtrays tip-resistant? Do you sometimes forget to close the fireplace screen? Think about what you do. Are you always careful about fire?

The Agawam Fire Department will be glad to help with your fire safety resolutions for the new year. We want you around next year to make a new set of resolutions.

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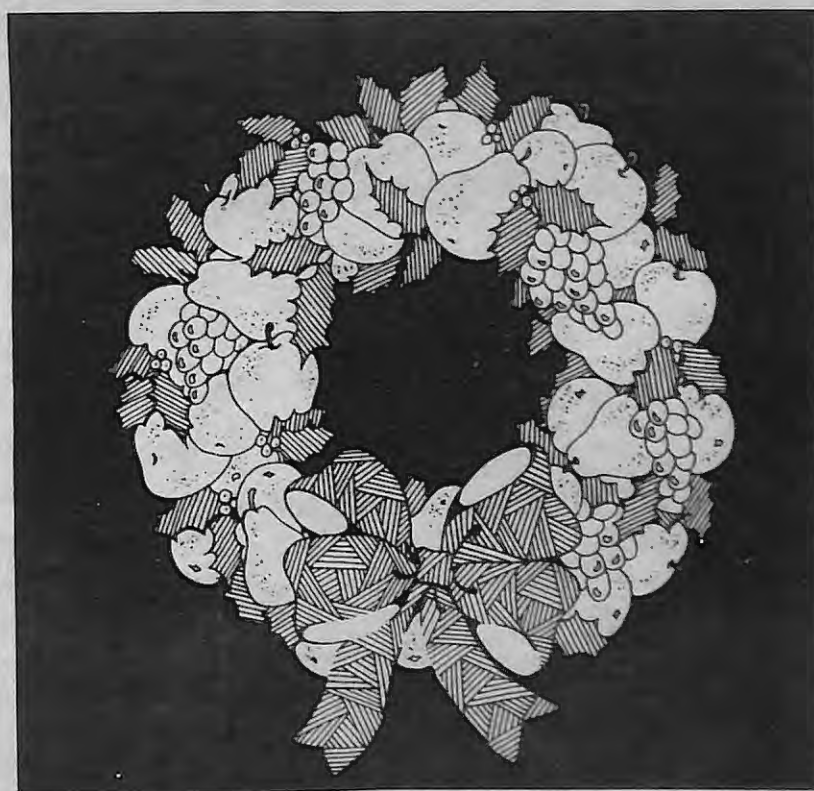
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FEEDING HILLS POST OFFICE employees Judy Golon and Karen Kranz sort through a huge cache of toys that are being sent out to needy families and organizations from the F.H. Post Office. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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Santa Claus Appears At Community Grange



OLD ST. NICK appeared at the Community Grange to entertain a group of youngsters. Here, Bryant Cesan and Matthew Schmaelzle sit on Santa's lap to give their list of presents they hope to find under their Christmas trees on December 25th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



JOLLY OLD ST. NICHOLAS, LEND YOUR EAR THIS WAY - Nicole White and Jimmy Comee are both quite certain that Santa Claus will be making a stop at their homes on Christmas Eve. The Community Grange sponsored St. Nick at one of their recent meetings. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Feeding Hills Site Of First U.S. Public Tree... The First Christmas Tree...

by Marilyn & Dick Curry - Agawam Historians

About 23 years ago this Christmas season, a small group of villagers gathered outside the front of Granger Elementary School in Feeding Hills. It was evening and a good amount of snow had already fallen, giving our village green a true semblance of the Yuletide scene.

As the dignitaries appeared on the scene and stood before the small evergreen tree just beyond the school entrance, the soft murmur of voices came to a hush in anticipation of the opening ceremonies that would commemorate a local village custom for over 100 years: lighting of the village Christmas tree!

It is hard to believe that today, less than 23 years ago, our village truly represented the typical Yankee village known the world over by local bards, poets, and artists such as Currier-Ives.

Yet, the fact remains that not too long ago one might easily pass through Feeding Hills center without realizing the quiet majesty that was once the envy of so many towns and cities that had since gone the route of modern progress.

As witnesses to this memorable occasion, we glanced about the general area, carefully acknowledging the living memorials to our village and national heritage, including across from the old Revolutionary parade ground was Tony's filling station, known and patronized by out-of-towners and residents alike; diagonally across was the old Wright House, still family residence; and on the north corner intersection was the Hamilton house that once served as well-known tavern in the 1950's.

Adjacent to this property was the Feeding Hills Library, behind which was the local Fire Barn. Since then, these tributes to our heritage have long since gone the route of progress.

Nonetheless, this particular winter's evening was set by "Divine Providence."

Well-Dressed For The Season

Although folks were well-dressed for the season, just about everyone was shifting one foot to the other in an effort to keep warm.

The air was bitter cold and it seemed that if you listened intently enough, one might hear the snow falling. Among the dignitaries were Fathers George Linsey and James Shea of Sacred Heart.

Of course, no village gathering would be complete without everyone's friend, the Reverend Frank Dunn. Also present was Reverend Raymond Sweeney of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church. Feeding Hills' "pedagogical patriarch," Jim Loomis, principal of Granger School, stood to one side of the proud evergreen awaiting the appropriate signal to "throw the switch" that would light the tree.

Following a few words from Reverend Dunn, the little tree was lighted to the "ohs" and "ahs" of the crowd.

Without a doubt, similar ceremonies were re-enacted across the nation that very same year and season. Unquestionably, our small program might have easily been overshadowed by much larger demonstrations hailing in the Christmas season. Yet it cannot be denied that as far as those villagers who bravely faced the elements that cold December evening, our little tree once lighted was just as magnanimous as any ceremony of its kind.

Perhaps, it was Reverend Dunn who passed a brief comment on the fact that Feeding Hills was the site of the first public Christmas tree in the United States. In any event the comment was probably stated that evening and for many years, Dick and I were haunted by the desire to establish some certainty of the matter. Finally, and by complete chance, the truth was accidentally revealed during a research project at the main branch of the Springfield Library.

Local Reporter Sets The Record Straight

During the researching of material on the Seth Liswell story, (Agawam's Civil War prisoner who died at Andersonville Prison) we were examining microfilm copies of the *Springfield Newspapers* and just by chance, we came across another article by Natalie Cooper of the *Republican* staff. The article entitled "First Public Christmas Tree Site Is Debated" appeared in the December 4th, 1966 edition of the *Republican*.

You can only imagine our delightful surprise at having chanced upon a question that had bothered us for so many years! But here it was in black and white.

We realized then and there that this subject must become our Christmas story for Agawam's own *Advertiser News*.

According to the article in the Springfield paper, the credit must be first given to a Yale publication (date and title unknown). Apparently the article stated: "The Christmas tree was introduced in the United States by German immigrants, and the first public tree was set up at Westfield, Massachusetts, by a German in 1860." Now the fact of the matter is that the "distinction was short-lived."

As the *Republican* article disclosed, "The German immigrant mentioned in connection with the tree is believed to have been John Buschmann, a native of Bremen, Germany, who came to Westfield in 1857."

Further evidence revealed the fact that prior to his move to the Whip City, Buschmann had originally lived in Feeding Hills where he maintained a large-scale cigar making business.

According to the town history by Edith LaFrancis, there had been a number of local cigar makers and

businesses in the Feeding Hills/Agawam area during the mid-19th century. In at least a few cases, the local tobacco growers eventually moved to Westfield during the 1850's. Apparently, John Buschmann was among their number.

But of further importance is the fact that the *Republican* related that the Yale story had misjudged the true location of the first public Christmas tree site as being Westfield rather than the village of Feeding Hills.

Accordingly, the correction was made via the local newspaper article: "Seven days after the announcement was reprinted locally, it was revealed the honor belonged to Feeding Hills. Buschmann and other German immigrants lived in Feeding Hills where they erected the first public Christmas tree sometime between 1853 and 1857."

Site Of The First Public Tree

If such be the case, and all evidence seems to substantiate the matter, then Feeding Hills is truly the site of the first public Christmas tree in the nation. And in this we, the townspeople, may properly take pride in another first for the United States!

It matters not that our village could be in contention with said distinction with our sister township. Regardless to whom the honor belongs, we should take pride in the fact that together we share in a seasonal tradition that is filled with Hope and Joy the world over, just as the history of Westfield and Agawam/Feeding Hills are bound together in their historic past.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to all our readers who have taken

the time from their busy lives to show their appreciation for our articles. During this joyful season of Hanukkah and Christmas, we must say that hopefully, the bright lights of the season will continue to shine on the evergreen of their Christmas tree.

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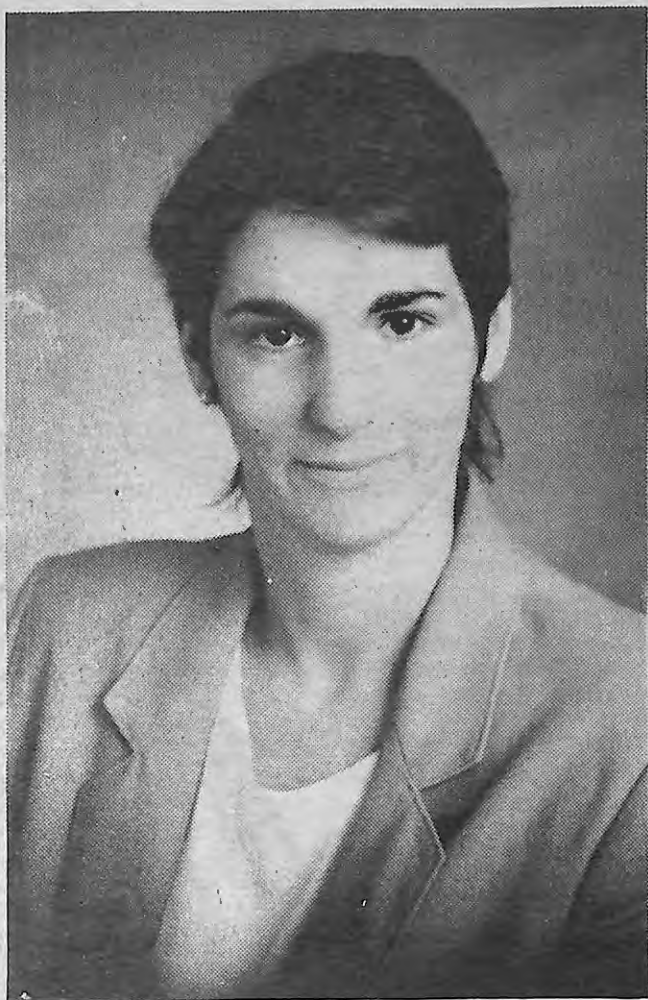


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BayBank Valley Appoints Susan Ellsworth Of Agawam

The Board of Directors of BayBank Valley appointed Susan M. Ellsworth to operations officer, it was announced by Richard A. Stebbins, president.

Mrs. Ellsworth is responsible for overseeing the operational functions of Word Processing, Community Banking Support Services and Account Services in the Operations Department.

She is a member of the Agawam Congregational Church and resides in Agawam with her family.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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On Thursday evening, December 24th, there will be a service following in the tradition of the English Cathedrals. Laity and clergy will read nine selections of scripture, and each will be followed with a musical selection that is appropriate to the "word."

A candlelight procession by the choir, leading the congregation in singing many carols, begins this service. Following the readings, the entire congregation, in the darkened and beautiful historic Meeting House, shares in a candlelight ceremony and this service concludes at midnight with everyone singing "Joy to the World..." by candlelight.

Everyone is invited to attend this service. It is a very special way to begin your celebration of the birth of Christ.

Agawam Public Library Sets Closing Time Dec. 30th

The Agawam Public Library will be closed Wednesday, December 30th, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The power outage is required in order to complete necessary cable work connecting the library and high school during school vacation. In the event that the work is cancelled due to rain or snow that Wednesday, the library will have to close the following day from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon., so the work can be completed.

No fines will be charged for any items due during the closed hours. The library staff regrets any inconvenience caused by this required closing.

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Perry Lane Park Hosts Santa Claus



SANTA CLAUS and his helper are pictured with Jay Yarymowicz at Perry Lane Park last Saturday. Santa arrived by helicopter. (Related photos on Page 6). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE RENAUD boys, Daniel, 6, and Joseph, 20-months, managed to get in their toy requests to Santa Claus at Perry Lane Park last Saturday. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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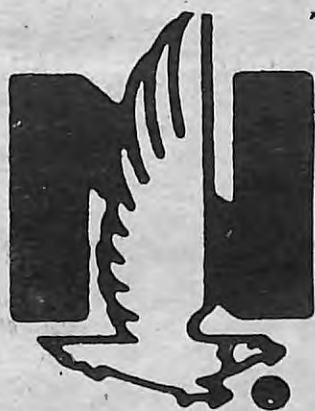
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Ann Marie Casiello Weds Todd M. Sheldon

Miss Ann Marie Casiello, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas H. Casiello, of 69 Lealand Avenue, Agawam, was married to Todd Michael Sheldon, son of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Sheldon, of Hilton Street, Chicopee.

The ceremony took place September 11th at 6:30 p.m., in the Church of St. Theresa, Agawam.

Miss Tammy Bousquet was maid of honor, while best man was Eugene Piela, Jr.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Storowton Tavern, Connecticut Room.

The bride attended Agawam High School, Holyoke Community College, and is employed at R.M. Sullivan Transportation and Radio Station WSPR.

The groom attended Chicopee High School and is employed at Quabbin Industries.

After a honeymoon to Canada, the couple are residing in Chicopee.

Bishop George Bashore Set For Ag. United Methodist

Bishop George W. Bashore, spiritual leader of United Methodists in New England, will speak at the Agawam United Methodist Church, 491 Mill Street, Feeding Hills, Sunday, January 3rd, at 9:30 a.m.

Bishop Bashore will be visiting the congregation for the regular morning service and will be the celebrant for the sacrament of Holy Communion with the worshippers.

In addition, members and friends attending will meet with Bishop Bashore following the service in a fellowship time, which will include a question and answer period.

Since 1980 Bishop Bashore has served as resident bishop of the Boston Area, which includes three annual conferences in five of the six New England states. The 600 churches have a combined membership of 124,000.

Ordained in the Evangelical United Brethren Church 10 years before the union of that denomination and The Methodist Church, forming the United Methodist Church, he first served as pastor in Reading, Pennsylvania, where, during a 14-year pastorate, he initiated an ecumenical, interracial, inner-city ministry.

He served as district superintendent from 1973 to 1979 and then, returning to his birthplace, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, he served as pastor of the First United Methodist Church for one year before being elected bishop.

Bishop Bashore was recently elected to a four-year term as president of the General Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church. Because of his background and interest in church music, he also serves on the General Conference Hymnal Revision Committee.

Bishop Bashore was invited to Agawam United Methodist Church by Reverend Kyle W. McGaw, now on leave of absence, and by interested members.

The Agawam church was consecrated by Bishop James K. Mathews, April 3rd, 1966, the last occasion when the spiritual leader of New England United Methodists came to this community.

For further information on this event, call Reverend Donella G. Siktberg, present pastor, 786-4174.



DIANE PALAZZI

Diane Palazzi Engaged To Robert Eggleston

Mr. & Mrs. Richard R. Palazzi of 36 Trinity Terrace, Agawam, proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane Palazzi, to Robert Eggleston, son of Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Eggleston of 24 Portland Street, Feeding Hills.

Miss Palazzi graduated from the University of Connecticut, School of Education and is presently attending Westfield State College in the master's of education program. She is also a full-time substitute teacher in the Agawam and Suffield Public School systems.

Her fiancé, a graduate of Agawam High School, is presently playing professional jai-alai at Melbourne Jai-Alai in Melbourne, Florida.

A June 17th, 1988 wedding is planned.

Ag. Police Dept. Gets Break At Christmas

Once again members of B'nai B'rith will take over the Agawam Police Station on Christmas Day so that their Christian brothers who would normally work on Christmas Day will be able to be home with their families to enjoy the Christmas happiness together as a family.

The six volunteer "Christmas Day Police Officers" will work on two hour shifts throughout the day. They are Mike Mindel, Sam Lichter, Max Neigher, Tevis Shusmon, Jerry Wiener and their acting "Christmas Day Police Chief, David Skolnick, an Agawam town councilor.

The last time "Christmas Day Officer" Mike Mindel went on duty, he had an experience he will never forget. He was out in a police cruiser when the cruiser came upon a dead body lying in one of the streets of Agawam. Now, according to law, the cruiser called in, and he had to remain by the body until the coroner arrived, so that no one would be able to touch any part of the body. This waiting for the coroner to arrive lasted for the duration of his tour of duty, and then some.

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Glad Tidings

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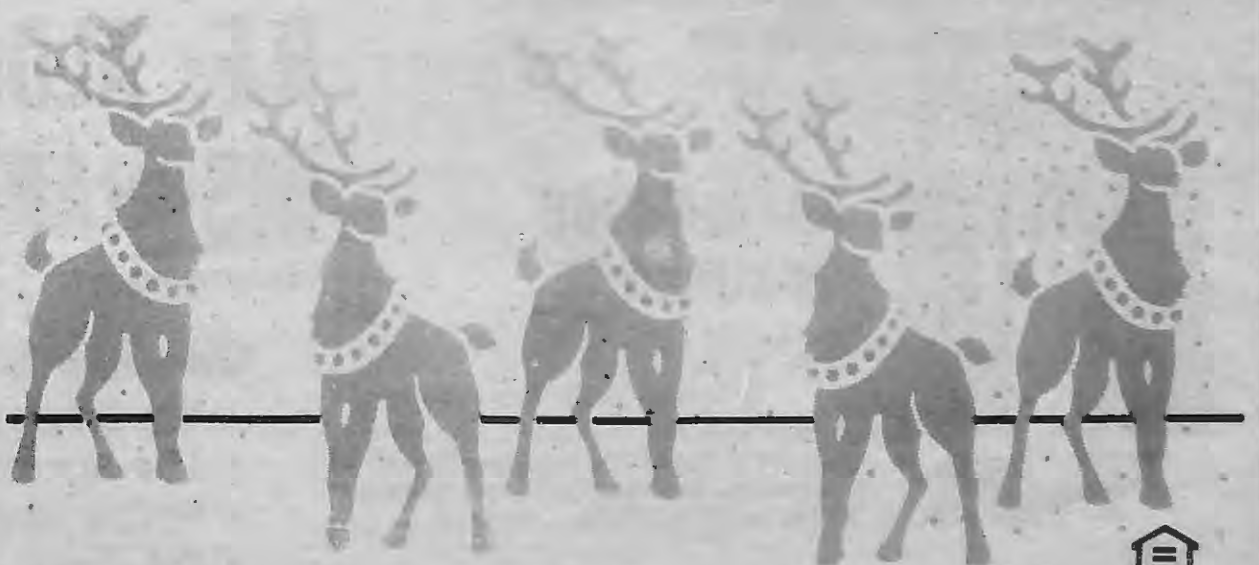
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Polish Club Holds Annual Christmas Party



DANIEL HARRIGAN is about to receive his gifts from Santa Claus at the Polish American Club's Christmas Party on Sunday. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



CARL DREWNOWSKY finds that Christmas came a few days early when Santa Claus gave him several gifts at the Polish American Club's party last Sunday. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



BRAD THERIQUE is smiling from ear-to-ear after Santa Claus gave him his Christmas presents at the Polish American Club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



BETH LACIENSKI (left) and **KRISTEN CHMIELEWSKI** sit on Santa's lap last Sunday at the Polish American Club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Community Banks Shows Fourth Quarter Earnings

The Board of Directors of Community Savings Bank (CSBN-NASDAQ) announced today that it has declared a cash dividend of \$.06 per share on the 4,545,746 shares outstanding. The dividend is payable on January 18th, 1988, to shareholders of record at the close of business on January 4th, 1988.

Community Savings Bank had assets of \$542.7 million as of September 30th, 1987. It has 15 regional branch offices and is one of the leading residential mortgage lenders in Western Massachusetts. Community Savings Bank has a real estate brokerage subsidiary (Landry, Lyons & Whyte Company), full service investment brokerage (INVEST), and life insurance operations (SBLI), as well as commercial lending operations.

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ENTERTAINING THE RESIDENTS OF Heritage Hall Nursing Home with tunes of the season last week was Bonnie Tesny. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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MEAGHAN SHEPARD and GARY GARFIELD sit on the lap of Mrs. Santa Claus at the Agawam Public Library. Also in photo is the photo "Kringle."

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A GOOD GATHERING OF CHILDREN and their parents anxiously await the arrival of Mrs. Santa Claus at the Agawam Public Library last Saturday. This is another in a long line of community service projects sponsored by the club throughout the year. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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photo by Jack Devine.

Photographer Jack Devine & his Family wish all of their friends in Agawam a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year!

Forest Park AARP Slates Meeting

The Forest Park Chapter of Retired Persons will hold its next meeting January 7th, at 1:15 p.m., in Trinity Church, 361 Sumner Avenue, Springfield.

Mr. & Mrs. Turnbull will present a slide show of England, Scotland, and Ireland.

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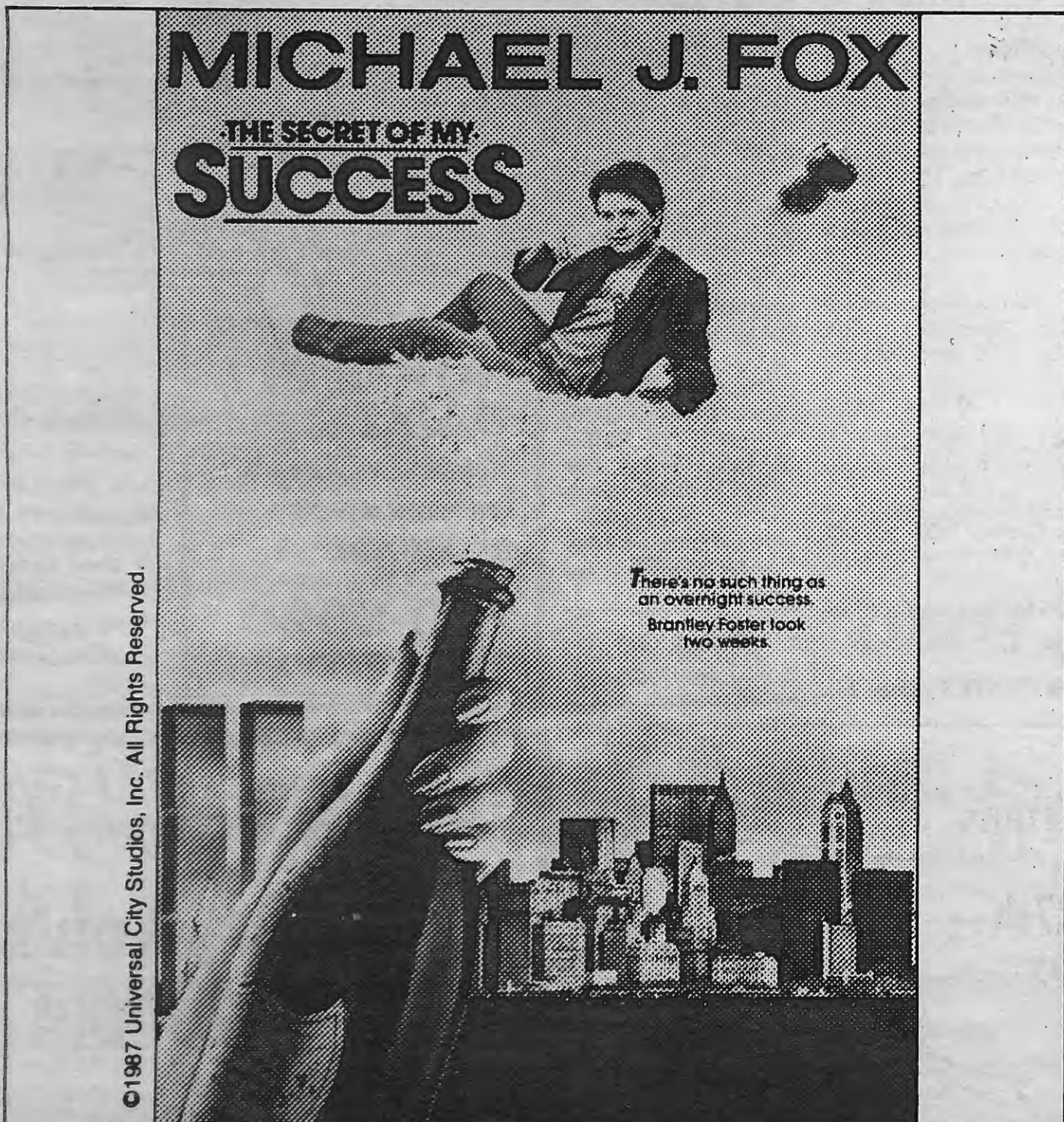


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News, Activities & Events At Ag. Senior Center

The Executive Director of the Council on Aging announced today that the project to automate the main doors at the Senior Center has been completed and that the doors now open and close automatically.

The project was funded through a grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs. The total cost of the work was \$2,000.

The Council on Aging requested the grant in order to insure that handicapped elders would have easier access to the Senior Center and all its programs. Contact person: Richard Mundo, 786-0400, extension 242.

Birthdays:

"Birthday Recognition Day" is always the first Tuesday of each month, and January 5th will be "Birthday Recognition Day" for all seniors who have a birthday in the month of January. When you call to reserve your lunch, don't forget to tell Rosemary or Alice that it is your birthday month.

Thank-you to Agawam Senior Center participants who were responsible for raising enough money to provide Turkey Dinners to seven needy Agawam families. In this season of giving, we thank them for their generous contributions.

Classes Scheduled For Winter

Registrations for the second semester will be Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, February 1st, 2nd, 3rd. Hours will be from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Mondays: 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., Knitting and Crocheting; 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Gentle Exercise; 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., Oil Painting; 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Line Dancing.

Tuesdays: 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., Knitting and Crocheting; 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., Creative Sewing; 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Needlepoint; 1:00 p.m., Drama Workshop; 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Ladies' Pool.

Wednesdays: 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., Beginners Painting; 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., Creating Greeting Cards; 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., Macrame.

Thursdays: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Advanced Exercise; 12:30 p.m., Crafts; 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Trivia For Fun; 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., Modern Literature.

Fridays: 1:00 p.m., Bridge for Fun, Cribbage For Fun.

Trip:

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Golden Agers Party Thanks Workers



THE AGAWAM GOLDEN AGE CLUB feted the many workers and officers that made 1987 such a successful year at a luncheon at the River Lodge Restaurant, River Road, Agawam. Pictured above, back row - Joe Truschelli, Richard Mundo (Senior Center director), Frank Fagnani, and Flory Scarzafawa. Seated - Mary Truschelli, Olive Scarzafawa, Frances Fagnani, and Caroline Vancini. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AT THE GOLDEN AGERS luncheon last week: Back row, from left - Mary Sherpa, Lino Gatti, Shrim & Alice Pacetta, Edith Coughlin, and Mike Ferraro. Front row - Peg Bellano, Angie Gatti, Mary Sherpa, and Irene Ferraro. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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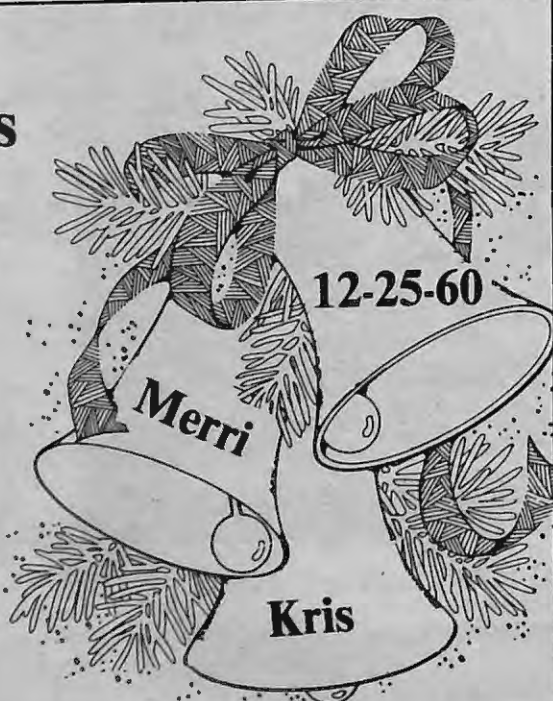
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Golden Agers Feted At River Lodge



AGAWAM GOLDEN AGERS Frank Gatti, Ellen Tisdell, Merle Tisdell, Frank Galli, Connie Galli, Ed Organzek, and Nellie Organek were part of the group feted for their hard work dedication to the club at the River Lodge Restaurant. Advertiser News

photo by Jack Devine.



MEMBERS OF THE GOLDEN AGE CLUB were feted for their support and hard work to the club during 1987. Pictured are Edith Coughlin, Henry Montagna, Fred Montagna, Odette Benjamin, Kay Aldrich, Argia Montagna, Althia Coles, Marion Binnenkade, and Marion Haubenreiser. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Calendar Of Events Ag. Golden Age Club

January 6th: Chapter 2—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m., with gift bingo.

January 8th: Chapter 1—Board of Directors meeting at 1:00 p.m.

January 13th: Chapter 1—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m., with gift bingo.

January 20th: Chapter 2—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m., with entertainment by the East Longmeadow Choral.

January 27th: Chapter 1—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m., with gift bingo.

January 29th: Chapter 2—Board of Directors meeting at 1:00 p.m.

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January 14th, Thursday: Coachlight Dinner Theatre, matinee. "Guys And Dolls" is the show. Price, \$23.75 per person which includes all. The deadline for reservations is December 21st. Reservations may be made at the Senior Center Ticket Booth.

NOTICE: The Senior Center will be closed during snow emergencies. When schools are closed, there will be no lunch program or van transportation. All activities at the Center will be postponed. Closings will be announced on the following radio stations: WHYN-FM, WMAS-FM, and WSPR-AM.

NOTICE: Tax assistance. A free income tax service for older tax payers will once again be available at the Senior Center, from February to April, 1988. This service is sponsored by A.A.R.P. in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service. This tax service is available to Agawam residents 60 and over by appointment only. Schedule to be announced.

For glossy copies of photos in this edition, please call Jack Devine at his home, 789-0053.



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by Marilyn & Dick Curry
Local Historians

Johnson's Corner/Maple Grove Cemetery

Why Then, The Name Johnson's Corners?

Without doubt, the name of this interesting intersection at South West, North West, and Southwick Street is most attributable to Leonard Johnson, and is due to the obvious importance of that family (Leonard's arrival to Feeding Hills, sometime prior to the mid-1800's). Town historian Edith LaFrancis' history of Agawam gives a full account of the Johnson family shortly following Leonard's established settlement (pages 170-173):

"Samuel Johnson lived on the corner of Southwick and West Streets which his father, Leonard Johnson, had purchased when he came from Connecticut many years before."

The question remains, "Did Leonard Johnson build the original house, or did he purchase the site already built and from whom?"

It can be easily assumed that Leonard might have purchased the farmlands prior to the construction of the house, since that building is of typical Greek Revival structure of the early 19th century. This hypothesis is in conjunction with the findings of area historian Dick Van Heusen!

It remains that the Johnson family must have been of importance to the villagers of Feeding Hills in that research of son Samuel's diary (in town history) reveals a man of versatile interests and busy activities in the field of business enterprises.

Again, it must be stated that Samuel Johnson must have been a "true friend" to his neighbors since his name is frequently mentioned in regard to the upkeep and care of the "Burying Ground" (Maple Grove Cemetery—May 12, 1862).

Again, credit must be given the Johnson family in that Josiah Johnson, perhaps a near relative, whose property adjoined that of Leonard and Samuel Johnson's estate, was administrator to the will of Artemas Beebe, dated 1853. Nor must we forget that the Johnsons allowed the burial ground (Maple Grove Cemetery) on the confines of their own property.

The Johnsons wealth may also be found in the variety of business dealings stated in Samuel's diary. Certainly, anyone who recalls the magnificent Johnson barn that stood directly behind the house on South West Street, would surely attest to such a barn as being of (huge) proportions worthy of only the wealthiest of farmers!

Unfortunately, this barn, so well built to withstand the elements of New England weather, was torn down not too many years ago. A photograph of the barn can be found on page 171 of the town history.

We conclude our story on the Maple Grove Cemetery with the knowledge and appreciation to the fact that had it not been for the Johnson family, at least some portion of the last century's history of the village might not have come about. Looking back in time to the mid-1800's, this family may be justly proud of its claim to having contributed much to the well-being of a typical New England village and town.

Today, with the great inflow of newcomers to town and village, the Johnson family history may serve as an example of service and devotion to Agawam and Feeding Hills, despite the fact that Leonard Johnson did arrive on the scene long after Feeding Hills had been well-established.

Heritage Hall Entertained By Long. Singers



JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS, singers from Longmeadow appeared at Heritage Hall Nursing Home to entertain residents with songs of the season. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

WE DO NOT PUBLISH between Christmas and New Year's every year. Our next edition is Thursday, January 7th. Deadline is Tuesday, January 5th, at noontime. The office will be open for a short period of time between Christmas and New Year's.

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MANAGING YOUR STRESS

by Dr. Stephen Sobel
M.S., S.M.C.



"Blues" Aren't Just "Blues"

DEAR DR. SOBEL: Thank-you for your recent column on tips to deal with holiday stress. They are realistic and I am sharing them with everyone! I now have another concern—my husband is starting to eat more, sleep more, and has gained five pounds.

I have tried my best to encourage him to do more things he likes to do, and not to isolate himself. I'm really struggling with this!

What can I do? This seems to happen every year as winter approaches and hurts our relationship!

Thank you.

"Blues" Watcher, Agawam.

ANSWER: Strange as it may sound, December is peak time for a disorder now recognized by several mental health associations as "Seasonal Affective Disorder Syndrome" (SADS). Its "symptoms" do include the ones you mentioned.

As the days grow shorter, it seems SADS becomes more common. Sometimes, counseling will help, and in some cases, medication helps.

Mental health professionals have been aware of SADS for some time, but this year it has gained its "official label." Some scientists feel that SADS is linked to a hormone called melatonin.

This is a "sleep inducing" hormone that is made in the dark, and more-so during the winter months when days tend to be shorter and darker. There are also some "strict" guidelines as established by the American Psychiatric Association for SADS—if you want these, write me).

You are doing all you can do it seems—perhaps some professional guidance or advice is now needed!

STRESS CHEK—Still Available: (1) "Signs of Overplacement" for children; (2) updated relaxation tape list. Write: Dr. Sobel, c/o N.E.I.S.M., 132 Shaker Road, No. 48, East Longmeadow, MA, 01028. Telephone, 525-6652.

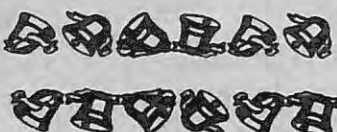


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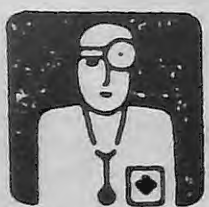
Giving Tree At Ag. Congo Church



MITTENS, SCARVES, and CAPS were given to those in need of warm clothing, as well as canned goods and thermo blankets, from the Giving Christmas Tree at the Agawam Congregational Church. Here, parishioners Marion Pond and John Hauser look over the many gifts that will be going to those in need during this time of light. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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FROM THE PULPIT

by Rev. Len Cowan
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The Prince Of Peace Deserves Your Full Attention!!!

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given...and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6).

"To all who received Him, who believed in His name, he gave power to become children of God." (John 1:12)

Christmas is a time for giving, a time when we remember the giving of God's Son, Jesus Christ. An article in *Our Daily Bread* highlighted this theme:

"We often face a dilemma at Christmas time—trying to decide what presents to buy for family and friends. Will it be toys for the children, clothes for the teenagers? What about mom or dad? What about those who have 'everything'?"

"One gift, however, is appropriate for everyone. It is the giving of ourselves. It's the kind of giving that's most like God's—He gave Himself in Jesus of Nazareth. Self-giving, God's and ours, carries a much bigger price tag than jewelry, video games, or household appliances. It is the greatest gift of all.

"Ask yourself: 'From all the past Christmases I've known, what do I remember most: the presents, or the people?' In my relationship with God, what do I appreciate most: His blessings, or His Presence with me always?"

This Christmas, let's decide to imitate God by "caring enough to send the very best"—ourselves.

Give yourself to God by joining others in the special opportunities to worship Him in this special season. Your local church is ready to welcome you and your friends.

Give yourself to others by sharing, not only a present, but also your love, your care, your warm heart, and His. The Apostle Paul could say, "We were ready to give to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own selves." Can you say the same?

I and my family, Hallie, Sarah, Betsy, and the wonderful people of St. David's Church, wish you the fullness of God's love in Christ this Christmas.

Annual Holiday Show At Museum's Planetarium

The Springfield Science Museum's Annual Holiday Planetarium Show, *Season of Light*, opened December 3rd. The program explores some possible scientific explanations for the Star of Bethlehem. Was it a nova? A comet? A conjunction of the planets? Or was it, in fact, a miracle?

The program also investigates the ancient traditions of celebration surrounding the winter solstice, many of which have given rise to modern Christmas customs.

In addition to the holiday program, the planetarium's 50th anniversary show, *A Celestial Celebration*, can be seen at 2:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday afternoons, throughout the month.

Planetarium tickets are \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children. Children under six are not admitted to the planetarium.

The Science Museum is a unit of the Springfield Library and Museums Association, a private non-profit organization. The museum is located on the Quadrangle at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield. Hours are Tuesday to Sunday, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. Admission is free. For information, please call the museum, 733-1194.

Riverside Continues To Hold Weekend Flea Market

Riverside Park in Agawam is holding its First Annual Flea Market on weekends through February 28th, 1988.

The indoor flea market with over 100 tables and growing, offers different gift ideas for the holiday season. From antiques and sterling silver jewelry to homemade baked goods, you may find something for everyone on your holiday gift list. Also available during your shopping, Riverside offers hot and cold refreshments.

The Flea Market, which began October 10th, will now run through February 28th every Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The market is located across from Riverside Park on Route 159, Agawam. Parking and admission are free. For more information, call 786-9300.

La Leche League Offers Breastfeeding Advice

Where should a new mother go for advice about breastfeeding? According to a recent survey, many doctors, childbirth educators, and nurses recommend that mothers turn to La Leche League.

The survey, conducted by an independent research firm and sponsored by Proctor and Gamble, revealed that nearly all the physicians who participated in the survey were highly in favor of breastfeeding. Most recommended that mothers nurse their babies for at least nineteen weeks. Forty-two percent of the pediatricians included in the sample suggested that mothers breastfeed their babies "as long as possible."

If you are considering breastfeeding, the best time to become informed is before the birth of your baby. The third of a series of four meetings will be held December 21st, at 8:00 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 1552 Westfield Street, West Springfield. "Meeting The Challenges Of Breastfeeding" will be topic discussed.

The meeting discussions include the latest medical research, as well as personal experience. Other services include a lending library of books on childbirth, child care, and breastfeeding. For further information, call Pat, 737-9993, or Jeanne, 739-7923.



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Spotlight On Business...

Pisano Hired As Credit Union's Executive Director

by Joan Lussier
Advertiser News Staff

In 1956, the Agawam Town Employees Federal Credit Union was chartered. In 1977, the Agawam Community Federal Credit Union was chartered. In 1987, both credit unions merged, to form what is now known as the **Agawam Federal Credit Union** and has the organization grown over the past 31 years.

The **Agawam Federal Credit Union** is open to any person who lives or works in Agawam, and any member's family may also join.

The **Agawam Federal Credit Union** advises and helps its members by low cost loans and "better than average earnings." It operates under federal law for the benefit of its members.

The **Agawam Federal Credit Union** offers many services. There are several plans for saving, regular share accounts (that are calculated monthly and paid quarterly), share certificates (which yield higher than regular share accounts), money funds (where a minimum of \$2,500 is required—the account is compounded daily and paid quarterly), and there are also IRAs.

Loans are also available through the **Agawam**

Federal Credit Union. To be eligible for a loan, you must be a member for at least 30 days, and be employed for at least six months. You must also be over 18 years-old.

The types of loans available are signature, shared secured, new and used cars, equity, home improvement, title one, and second mortgage.

Other services offered are traveler's checks, money orders, payroll deductions, new and used car guide books, and a notary public.

In charge of the **Agawam Federal Credit Union** is Richard Pisano, who started November 16th. He has 22 years experience in banking. He was a vice-president and branch manager of Comfed Savings Bank, and also a sales manager for Prudential and Metropolitan Insurance Companies.

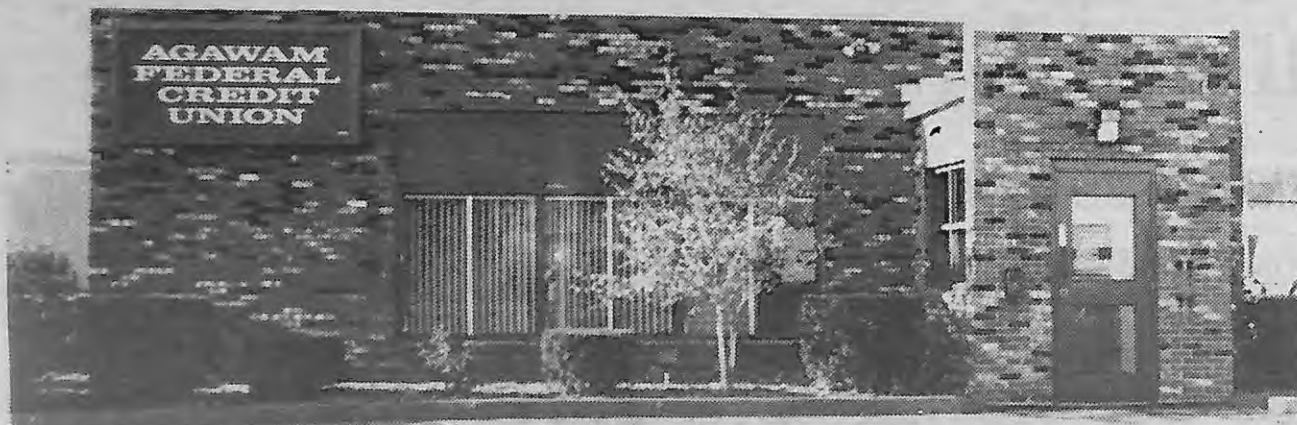
Pisano was born and raised in Agawam, but now lives in Westfield, with his wife, Virginia, son, Louis, and daughter, Alyssa. He hopes in the future to return to Agawam.

Although the membership is between 2,700-2,800, Pisano said, "The future of the **Agawam Federal Credit Union** is to move onward and upward. We would like to eventually have first mortgages, but in order to do that, we will need more sophisticated equipment, and hopefully, that would allow us to expand the building. All future plans will, of course, be in moderation; that will enable us to finance and operate in that environment."

Pisano also explained that townspeople should be aware that the **Agawam Federal Credit Union**, located at 4 Washington Avenue Extension, was created for the townspeople.

"I look forward to meeting and discussing financial matters with more residents. Also, since I know many people in Agawam, I would really appreciate it if they would stop in and say hello," concluded Pisano.

To inquire about any financial matter, or for more information on how you can become a member, either stop by the **Agawam Federal Credit Union**, or call 786-2100, between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.



DICK PISANO is the new executive director of the **Agawam Federal Credit Union**. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

THE AGAWAM FEDERAL CREDIT UNION is open to any person who lives or works in Agawam. Offices are located at 4 Washington Avenue Extension, Agawam. Advertiser

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Spotlight On Business - continued...

Season's Greetings From Mitch's Nursery



MITCH'S NURSERY EMPLOYEES KAY KEEFE and LINDA RUSIN are pictured inside the green house at the nursey, which is still stocked with many Christmas items. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



STEVE MICELOTTA, owner and operator of Mitch's Nusery on Suffield Street, holds one of the many fresh-cut Christmas trees that "were" on his lot last week. The big Christmas rush has nearly depleted Steve's stock, but if you still need a fresh tree so close to Christmas, go and see Steve. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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More SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS...



THE PROUD OWNERS of Amanda's Restaurant - The Tourville Family - Jennifer, Dave, and Amanda. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE STAFF OF AMANDA'S RESTAURANT on Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. Back row, from left - Sharon O'Keefe, Bob Ayers, Marni Ayers, Marie Lemarier, Judy Tlusty, Sharon Buynicki, Debbie Tetreault, David & Jennifer Tourville (owners), and Chris Menard. Front row - Al Stanfield, Susan Meunier, Kathy Vinesett, Amanda Tourville, Janet Parker, and Rene Phaneuf. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Amanda's Restaurant Grows In Local Popularity

by Joan Lussier
Advertiser News Staff

Did you know that there is a restaurant on Springfield Street called **Amanda's**? Were you aware that it is a cross between Friendly's and Abdow's, with a more diverse menu and larger staff? And besides good quality food, reasonably priced, you say prompt, courteous service is a must? Then it's time you stopped by, between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., seven days a week, and decide for yourself at this Feeding Hills restaurant.

Amanda's opened for business May 19th, and owner Dave Tourville, who for six years owned the Village Butcher Shop, Feeding Hills Center, said, "I want people to know that there is the same service and quality here that I gave my customers at the butcher shop. I am looking forward to seeing a lot of those customers."

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28. Raisin Toast **.65**
29. English Muffin **.60**
30. Two Pancakes **\$1.45**
31. French Toast (Three Halves) **\$1.45**
32. One Egg And Toast **.95**
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Spotlight On Business - continued...**AMANDA'S - From Page 32...**

Since the opening, business has been so good that Dave has had to enlarge (already). What started as seating for 50 has now doubled to 100, and on the weekends, there are people waiting to be seated.

What makes a restaurant, that up until last week, has never advertised, be so successful? It could be that because Dave has been a meatcutter for 20 years, he only serves top quality meat. He grinds his own hamburger, pounds his own veal, cooks on three grills, and all the meats are cooked on the premises. All products are fresh every day; even the blueberry, corn, and bran muffins are made daily.

Perhaps his success is due to the size of the menu, which has many selections. Breakfast is served all day, and can be from a bottomless cup of coffee and toast, to a hearty breakfast of eggs and steak, or even eggs benedict.

For lunch, there are many varieties of sandwiches, clubs, pockets, grinders, hamburgs and hot dogs. Dinner can range from one of the above choices, to a complete dinner, with your choice of mashed potatoes or french fries, vegetable or salad, and dinner rolls.

For dessert, there is a variety of cakes and pies, and Amanda's also sells famous Peter Jon's Ice Cream.

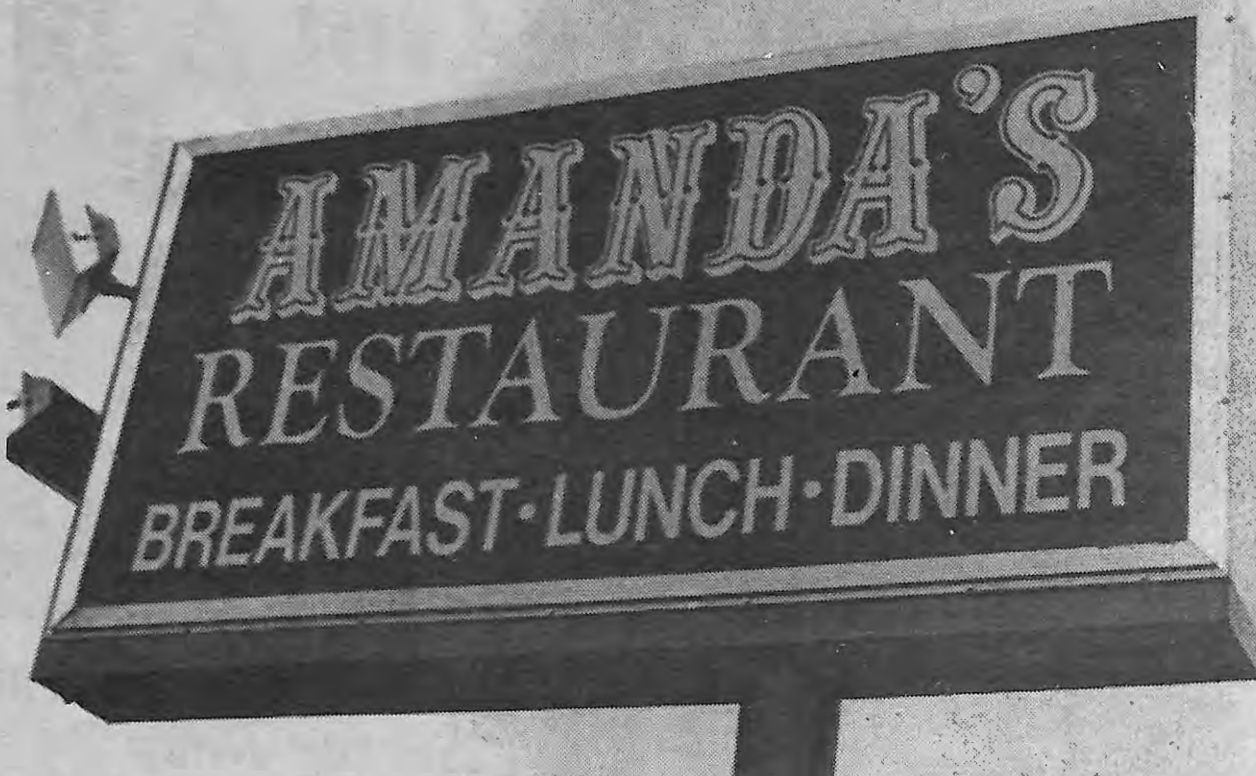
Dave said, "I am very lucky to have such good employees. There are about 22 employees, and 10 or 11 of them are scheduled to work everyday. There are always two cooks on, and Saturday and Sunday, there are three main cooks."

Amanda's is very family-oriented—booths, rather than tables, large windows that give it a peaceful atmosphere, decorations to give it a homey interior, and it is quite obvious that Dave takes pride in the cleanliness of his restaurant.

For senior citizens, between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m., there is a 10 percent discount, seven days a week. There is also adequate parking, and complete facilities for handicapped individuals.

Dave, who resides in Feeding Hills, with his wife, Jennifer, and 10 year-old daughter Amanda (who has the honor of having the restaurant named after her), says, "I am always willing to listen to new suggestions for improvements, and I look forward to seeing new people."

Be sure to check-out the full breakfast menu that appears in *The Agawam Advertiser News* this week. You will be surprised at the prices, as well as the many selections that are offered. Then, stop by, and give Amanda's a try.



AMANDA'S RESTAURANT is located on Springfield Street, Feeding Hills (adjacent to Franklin Street). The Tourville Family, Dave & Jennifer, are the owners and operators. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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A shamelessly sentimental, family-oriented fantasy about a pair of small, metallic extraterrestrials who land at a dilapidated, New York City tenement and brighten the lives of its downtrodden inhabitants: a lonely elderly couple (Hume Cronyn and Jessica Tandy), a pregnant yet unwed young woman (Elizabeth Pena), a struggling painter (Dennis Boutsikaris), and a mute superintendent (Frank McRae).

Directed by Matthew Robbins (*The Legend of Billie Jean*) and presented by Steven Spielberg (*Empire of the Sun*), **batteries not included* has more sap in it than all of the maple trees in Vermont combined.

Shortly into the film, the two aforementioned alien creatures become—believe it or not—the proud parents of three robotic babies, and these tin-plated toddlers then proceed to engage in all sorts of cutesy shenanigans which will lead some moviegoers to say, "Oh, aren't they adorable!", while, at the same time, inducing severe nausea among other people in the audience.

To be fair, however, **batteries not included* does have a couple of good points. All of the cast members manage to do the best job that they possibly can with their one-dimensional roles, and as a source of entertainment for children, the picture is sure to capture and hold their wee attention spans.

But, if you're an adult, beware! **batteries not included* is mawkish, juvenile drivel which rips off elements from such superior pictures as *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* and *E.T.*, and makes you wish that you were watching those imaginative, older movies again instead of sitting through this gratuitous retread.

—Eddie Murphy "Raw": 1½ STARS

In his first concert to be filmed before a live audience, the *Beverly Hills Cop* star pokes fun at a wide array of topics that include sex, marriage, homosexuality, money, McDonald's hamburgers versus homemade ones, Caucasian people (particularly those who are Italian), and satirical impressions of such celebrities as Bill Cosby, Michael Jackson, Richard Pryor, and Mr. T.

As is true with all kinds of entertainers, if you're already a fan of this ribald comedian, then chances are you will enjoy *Eddie Murphy "Raw"*; if you aren't a fan of his, then don't see his latest picture because it most likely won't endear him to you. Personally, I think Murphy is a funny and talented performer who has done some first-rate work (namely *48 Hours* and *Trading Places*), but his stand-up comedy routine in this movie left me with mixed feelings.

While *Eddie Murphy "Raw"* does have some hilarious moments, a little of it goes a long, long way.

Murphy's reputed and seemingly endless use of excessively profane language gradually grows tedious to listen to, and much of his humor in this concert is comprised of repetitious, sex-oriented jokes which seem to last forever.

As a result, *Eddie Murphy "Raw"* eventually ceases to be amusing and winds up being a lackluster exercise in lewdness and obscenity.

—Overboard: 1 STAR

This idiotic film stars Goldie Hawn as a snobbish socialite who suffers total amnesia after accidentally falling off of her yacht, and Kurt Russell as a widowed carpenter who takes advantage of her lack of memory and convinces her that she is his wife and the mother of his four very rambunctious sons.

Overboard is an appropriately titled comedy. Its excessively farfetched plot entails slapstick humor which is undeniably stupid; sickening sentimentality that's crammed down our throats; and a budding romantic relationship between Hawn (*Wildcats*) and Russell's (*Big Trouble in Little China*) characters which is too outlandish and hokey to be believed.

Meanwhile, the picture wastes the talents of some fine actors, including the aforementioned Russell as an immature and irresponsible hick, Roddy McDowall (*Dead of Winter*) as a long-suffering butler, and Edward Herrmann (*The Man With One Red Shoe*) in the worthless role of a neurotic fat cat who is the real husband of Hawn's amnesiac heroine in this story.

To its credit, however, *Overboard* is not a total fiasco. Hawn is a veteran and most competent comedienne who has weathered bad movies in the past, and in the case of this flick, she is able to hold her head up high and turn in a typically charming performance which—despite the fact that she's now in her early forties—projects pixieish and ever-youthful spunk.

—Throw Momma From the Train: 4 STARS

An uproarious comedy that deals with a frustrated, middle-aged momma's boy (Danny DeVito) who, with the help of another equally disgruntled man (Billy Crystal), devises a plan whereby he will permanently "take care of" his overbearing and downright despicable mother (Anne Ramsey).

Throw Momma From the Train is one of the funniest and most entertaining films of the year. It successfully takes the diabolical and grisly topic of murder and turns it into a wry and cleverly crafted farce which provides countless moments of surprising hilarity from

start to finish.

Furthermore, this picture marks a most auspicious debut for DeVito (*Tin Men*) as a director. Using stylish camera angles and other cinematographic devices, he renders *Throw Momma From the Train* as a skillful parody of the thrillers of the late Alfred Hitchcock, and in the process, makes a tribute to that legendary moviemaker which, to my surprise, happens to be more effective and amusing than Mel Brooks' 1977 Hitchcockian spoof, *High Anxiety*.

However, although DeVito deserves a great deal of praise for his first-time directing chores, he also earns kudos for delivering the kind of splendidly droll performance which his fans have come to expect from him. He portrays his role in *Throw Momma From the Train* as a childlike, milquetoast character who has a right to be pitied; but, at the same time, he projects the sort of sneering slyness that has become a trademark of his style of humor.

Additionally, Crystal (*Running Scared*) is endearingly funny as an individual who has more than his share of personal problems, and who unintentionally gets embroiled in DeVito's nefarious scheme.

But, while both DeVito and Crystal supply the film with many laughs, Ramsey enhances the humor in *Throw Momma From the Train* even more. A character actress who's probably best known for her part as the Ma Barker-like villainess from the 1985 kiddie adventure *The Goonies*, she is perfect as a maternal figure who is far from being motherly.

With a bulldog-ish face, an ever-grumpy disposition, and a penchant for scathingly insulting anyone and everyone around her, Ramsey almost steals the show from her two comic co-stars, and—without a doubt—gives a sidesplitting performance that you won't soon forget.

*THE PHILM GUIDE FOR PARENTS:

—*batteries not included: Rated PG for mild profanity and violence.

—Eddie Murphy "Raw": Rated R for its overabundance of highly adult profanity.

—Overboard: Rated PG for some profanity and extremely revealing swimwear.

—Throw Momma From the Train: Rated PG-13 for the violent nature of some of its grimly funny humor.

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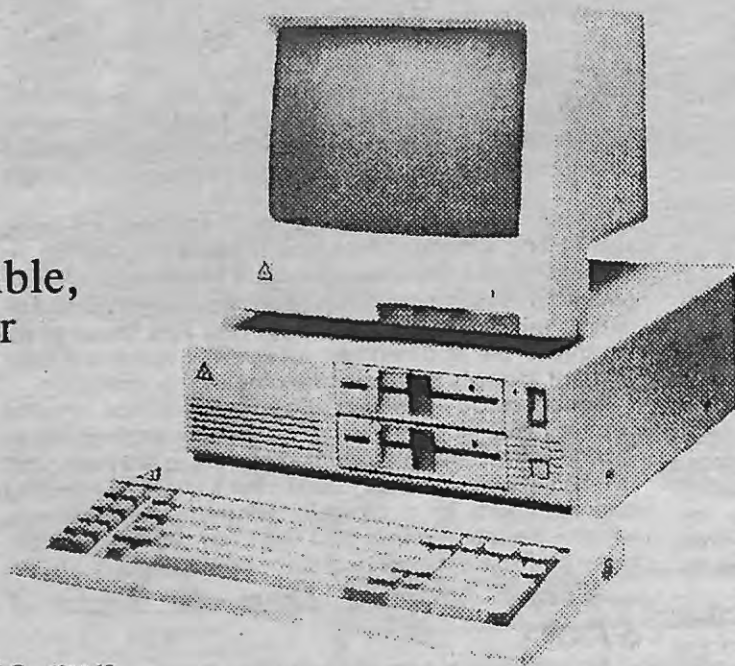
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For further information, call Russ & Eloise Hoekstra, 567-5295.

Holiday Recipes That Are Easy To Make

It's the time of year when even the busiest of us are lured to the kitchen to bake. Delectable aromas of freshly made breads and cookies are as festive as the fragrance of evergreen and spiced cider that remind us that the holidays are here at last!

This year, start a new tradition with Crimson Fig Bread, a quick bread made with sun-dried Blue Ribbon Figs for rich, fruity flavor and appealing texture. Whole cranberries contribute tongue-tonging and seasonal color.

Make Crimson Fig Bread for holiday brunches and buffets. Bake extras to give as gifts. For a dazzling presentation, make cylindrical loaves by baking the batter in coffee cans. Or turn the batter into dainty muffins instead.

CRIMSON FIG BREAD

2½ cups all-purpose flour
1 cup sugar
1 tablespoon baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
1 egg, beaten
1¼ cups milk
¼ cup vegetable oil
1 tablespoon grated orange peel
1 cup whole cranberries
1 cup Blue Ribbon Calimyrna or Mission Figs, chopped

In large bowl combine flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, and nutmeg; set aside. In small bowl combine egg, milk, oil, and orange peel. Add liquid ingredients to dry ingredients; stir just until blended. Fold in cranberries and figs. Pour into greased 9x5-inch loaf pan. Bake at 350°F for 60 to 70 minutes or until pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan on rack 10 minutes, then turn out to cool completely. Makes 1 loaf, or bake in coffee cans or muffin tins for interesting variations.

CINNAMON BROWNIES

Sure, we have all eaten chocolate brownies. But have you tried them flavored with America's favorite baking spice? Americans are finally catching on to a combination that Mexican cooks have known about for years. These easy-to-make brownies (great for gifting or lunch packing) are the nutty variety with an added touch of grated orange peel.

CINNAMON BROWNIES

¾ cup butter or margarine
4 squares (1 ounce each) unsweetened chocolate
2 cups sugar
4 eggs, lightly beaten
1¼ cups all-purpose flour (unsifted)
1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon grated orange peel
1 cup coarsely chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350°F. In a medium saucepan melt butter and chocolate over very low heat; remove from heat; stir in sugar and eggs; set aside. In a medium bowl combine flour, cinnamon, baking powder, salt and orange peel. Stir into chocolate mixture just until smooth and well blended. Stir in nuts. Spread in a greased 13x9x2-inch baking pan. Bake until mixture starts to come away from sides of pan, about 30 minutes. Cool slightly on a wire rack. Cut into bars; remove from pan and cool completely. Sprinkle with confectioners sugar, if desired. YIELD: About 30 brownies.

Children's Courses On Tap At Science Museum

Registrations are now being accepted for children's science courses at the Springfield Science Museum. All classes meet from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Animals in Winter (ages four to six). Meets January 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th. With activities and visits to the museum's new Exploration Center, youngsters will discover the many ways in which animals cope with the winter weather. (Fee \$18).

Inside Out (ages four to six). Meets January 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th. Children will listen to their heart beat, examine x-rays, and investigate bones and muscles to learn more about their bodies. (Fee \$18).

Dinosaurs Large and Small (ages four to six). Meets February 16th, 17th, and 18th during school vacation week. The world of dinosaurs will be explored through a variety of activities including games, crafts, stories, and a visit to the museum's Dinosaur Hall. (Fee \$14).

Nature Did It First (ages four to six). Meets February 20th, 27th, March 5th, 12th. Through a variety of games, hands-on activities and a trip to the Exploration Center, children will discover how animals use their eyes, mouths, feet and tails in different ways. (Fee \$18).

Creature Features (ages six to eight). Meets February 16th, 17th, and 18th during school vacation week. Animal adaptations will be investigated through a variety of activities, games, and props including hats with wings, fins or claws, and attachable noses, eyes and ears. (Fee \$14).

Digging Into Dinosaurs (ages seven to nine). Meets January 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th. With fossil bones and footprints and do-it-yourself dinosaur skeletons, children will learn how paleontologists reconstruct the world of the dinosaurs. (Fee \$18).

Amazing Mammals (ages seven to nine). Meets January 23rd, 30th, February 6th. With mounted animals, mammal skins, skeletons and skulls, youngsters will learn how mammals live. (Fee \$14).

Prehistoric Puzzles (ages seven to nine). Meets February 20th and 27th. Children will become paleontologists as they piece together clues, examine evidence, and draw conclusions about prehistoric life. (Fee \$9).

Science Investigations (ages eight to 10). Meets

February 16th, 17th, and 18th during school vacation week. Children will use specimens, microscopes, activity boxes, and resource guides as they delve into science in the new Investigation Station. (Fee \$14).

Kitchen Chemistry (ages nine to 11). Meets February 16th, 17th, and 18th during school vacation week. Students will learn why dough rises, gelatin hardens, and eggs become hard-boiled as they conduct a variety of experiments that explain the everyday phenomena of the kitchen. (Fee \$14).

Electro-Magic (ages nine to 11). Meets February 20th, 27th, March 5th. Youngsters will have the opportunity to build their own magnets, batteries and generators as they explore the principles of electricity and magnetism. (Fee \$14).

Crime Lab Chemistry (ages 10 to 13). Meets January 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th. Students will analyze ink and handwriting, perform tests on a ransom note, and follow clues to solve a series of imaginary crimes. (Fee \$18).

Astronomy Adventures (ages 10 to 13). Meets January 23rd, 30th, February 6th, and 13th. In the museum's planetarium, participants will explore the solar system and learn about the sun, the planets, comets and meteoroids. (Fee \$18).

Two evening courses for adults are also being offered:

Intermediate Photography Techniques. Meets March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. This seminar is designed for people who have taken a basic camera course or for those who already have a firm, working knowledge of how to operate their single lens reflex camera on manual. Class time will combine instruction and individual evaluation of students' projects. (Fee \$35).

Current Topics in Astronomy. Meets January 25th, February 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th. This course will provide a general introduction to astronomy and explore recent planetary discoveries, quasars, black holes, stellar evolution, and space astronomy. The museum's planetarium and telescopes (weather permitting) will be used to observe the heavens. (Fee \$27).

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BRITTAINY THERIQUE of Agawam can't believe that Santa Claus, who appeared at Granger School last week, knows that she's been a good girl during this past year.

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KATIE DUBAY and **LAURA CHAREST** sit on Santa's lap as Christmas Tree **Denise Christie** looks on. Granger School hosted both last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Christmas Spirit Galore At Granger School

by **Iris Copson**
School Dept. Editor

Granger Elementary School children are busy as Santa's elves, making Christmas tree ornaments, season's greeting cards, and shopping at the Holiday Store for gifts to share with their families. The holiday spirit and the school's Adelphi team have joined forces to spread good cheer throughout the Baystate.

Kindergarten, first, and second grade Granger students used many different materials, ranging from glitter, cotton balls, and candy, to make homemade tree ornaments from pine cones. The decorations were on display in the hall until Friday 10:30 a.m., when they were taken to Baystate West Shopping Mall and hung on the "Giving Tree in Springfield," by Adelphi

co-chairwomen **Dale White** and **Janice Stanbovsky**.

Janice said, "We have taken Adelphi one step further this year. Part of the Adelphi teaching is in helping others and giving to others. We are letting the children give something to someone they do not know, to make that person happy." For each ornament placed on the Giving Tree (approximately 275 from Granger). Milton Bradley will donate a toy to a needy child.

Janice & Dale will also deliver over 200 hand-made

greeting cards, originally designed by third and fourth grades at Granger, to the Tiny Tim foundation. This means that over 200 children that are confined to Shriner's Hospital throughout the holiday season will receive a personalized special holiday wish from a Granger child.

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JOHN HERMANS and DAN LUBIER are pictured with Santa and Mrs. Claus at Granger Elementary School last Friday. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Top Prize Winners At Clark



CLARK SCHOOL PRINCIPAL SMITH ROVELLI poses with the school's top sellers in the recent school fundraiser. Students are Kelly Webb, Alison Moran, and Joseph Andreoli. Missing: Matthew DeGray. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

GRANGER SCHOOL - From Page 39...

Many of the students also gathered with their family and friends Friday evening, with the frost of winter upon them, in front of Granger School to go Christmas caroling up North Westfield Street to the Country View Manor, a senior citizen complex under the auspices of the Agawam Housing Authority.

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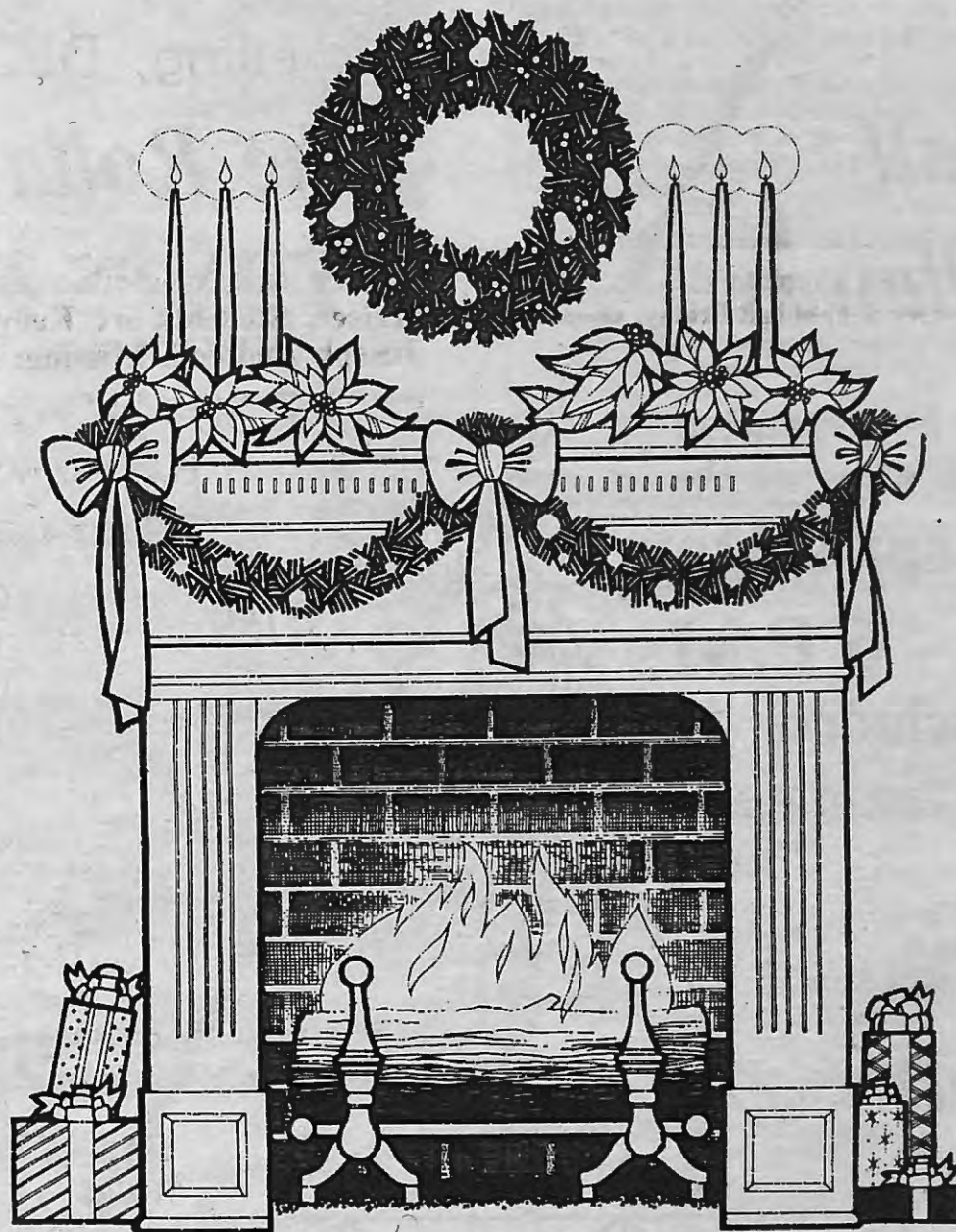
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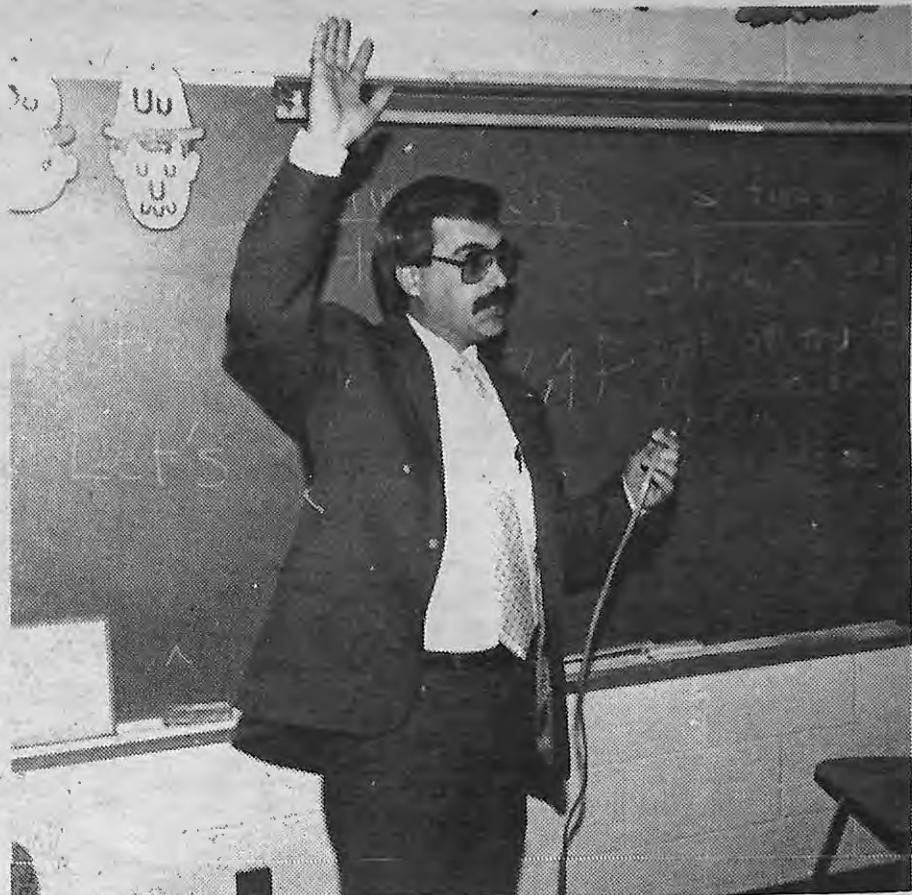
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DAVID CLOUSE, a community outreach representative from Northeast Utilities, asks for a show of hands at Robinson Park Elementary School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Robinson Kindergarten Students Learn About Hypothermia

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Linda Orr and Jude Spellacy combined their kindergarten classes for a presentation on hypothermia by Northeast Utilities' Community Outreach Representative, David Clouse, this month. He spoke with the children on the importance of proper dress for winter weather and of eating good foods at breakfast to help stay warm. He showed the children a slide show entitled, "Your Friend The Hat." The film explained how important it is to wear a hat — in the spring to keep you dry when it is raining; in the summer to keep you cooler; in fall when it becomes chilly and windy; and most importantly, in the winter when it is cold. The filmstrip also explained that "if you don't eat right, you can get cold; just like a stove without wood. Good food makes us warm, healthy and strong, too." Clouse emphasized preventing hypothermia by telling the children, "Whenever your feet and hands get cold, remember they are telling you something. Also, hats are our special friends and should never be shared with anyone, not even brothers and sisters." He also mentioned that many of us turn down the thermostats at night to conserve energy, and that we should not hesitate to wear hats to bed to cover our heads because "that is where we lose most of our body heat from and the blankets don't reach there."

When he spoke with the first and second grade classes, he discussed electrical safety, too. He reminded the children about the dangers of climbing trees near electrical wires, and to stay away from power lines that were down. Each child received a coloring book and crayons with a special message in the back of the book to parents. It explained that hypothermia means low body temperature. Your heart begins to slow down, your body becomes weak, and your mind becomes confused. If effects mostly the very young and older people, and it could mean death.

SEE DAVID CLOUSE - Page 44...



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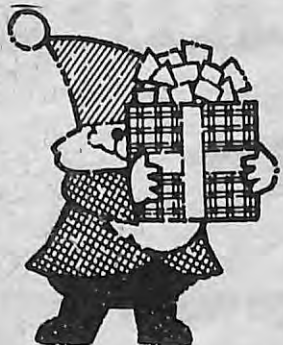
GRANGER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL JAMES LOOMIS (left) and students Eric Chu and J.P. Hermans present Crime Prevention Officer Wayne Macey with momentos from the school for teaching project D.A.R.E. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



SECOND GRADE TEACHER SHARON Gendron pictured decorating Granger School's Christmas Tree with students Heidi Benton and Leila Mouneimneh. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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GRANGER SCHOOL STUDENTS Zachary Mouneimneh, Rebecca Wing, Keith Benton, and Christopher Olson show-off the school's Christmas card display. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Granger School Presents D.A.R.E. Teacher Macey With Momentos

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

From the "Spirit of Granger School's" store, Crime Prevention Officer Wayne Macey was presented with an official Granger cap and mug by students and Principal James Loomis as a thank-you for bringing the D.A.R.E. Program to them.

As many in Agawam are aware, D.A.R.E. is the school system's Drug Abuse Resistance Education project.

A formal curriculum was begun at the Agawam Middle School with six of 12 classes at the fifth-grade level learning about D.A.R.E. shortly after school began. At the Agawam High School, peer leadership programs were also started.

During this week, which will be the 14th of 17 consecutive weeks, the fifth grade will have sessions with AHS juniors and seniors in role modeling classes.

An adopted D.A.R.E. for grades kindergarten through fourth was presented as a pilot program in Granger School. Macey said, "Granger was the first school that we brought the modified D.A.R.E. program into, and I feel it was a success because we received a lot of teaching before, and it was made easier by the cooperation we received. I think we got our message across."

Loomis stated, "I felt the D.A.R.E. Program was a prime opportunity to begin complying with the Governor's Alliance On Drugs (and Alcohol). The cooperation of the Agawam Police Department and Officer Macey made it relatively easy to fit this program into the children's school career (along with many other important programs)."

"This program begins to build good self-esteem within a child at this early level and will help later on. The confidence to be able to say 'No' is a good start. I would encourage all persons in the Town of Agawam to give Officer Macey as much cooperation as possible to help keep drugs and alcohol away from our children," Loomis added.

Every child at Granger heard Macey in two separate sessions. Macey commented, "Each age group between the kindergarten and fourth grade has a big difference where needs are concerned, and all must be addressed. I think the D.A.R.E. Program has done that."

Loomis added, "I was 100 percent comfortable with Officer Macey's presentation, his ability to present it, and the materials he used. Also, we were very proud to have been selected as a first step."

Macey will begin his program at Robinson Park School in January. He will also initiate the second half of the fifth grade at Middle School in late January.

Christmas Schedule

Bethany Assembly of God will further observe the Christmas Season with special services planned for Sunday, December 20th and Christmas Eve.

In the 8:15 & 10:45 a.m. worship services there will be special music by the Sanctuary Choir and Pastor Berkey will be speaking on the subject: "Mary, Joseph and the Babe." In the evening at 6:00 p.m. the Sunday School Department will be presenting a delightful musical called "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" which the entire family will enjoy with its inspiring message.

On Christmas Eve, Bethany will be having its traditional Candlelight Communion Service from 7 to 8 p.m. This beautiful service will feature music by the Choir and a special duet by Pastor William Owen and his wife, a brief meditation by the pastor and the remembrance of why Jesus came. Everyone is cordially invited to these services.

Bethany also has a New Year's Eve service from 10 p.m. to 12 midnight. This year's former youth pastor, Evangelist Greg Hubbard, will share his slides of their recent ministry in Bangladesh. His wife Rabyn will sing and he will share a challenge from God's Word as we face the opportunities of 1988.



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SANTA CLAUS MUST BE TIRED because he's appeared virtually everywhere in Agawam over the past few weeks. Here, Nikkia Cuffee, 5, tells St. Nick how good she's been over the past year.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MRS. CLAUS, as well as Santa, appeared all over the town in recent weeks. Here, the happy couple are pictured with Michael Finnerty, 4, and Samantha Collette, 10, at Valley Community Church. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

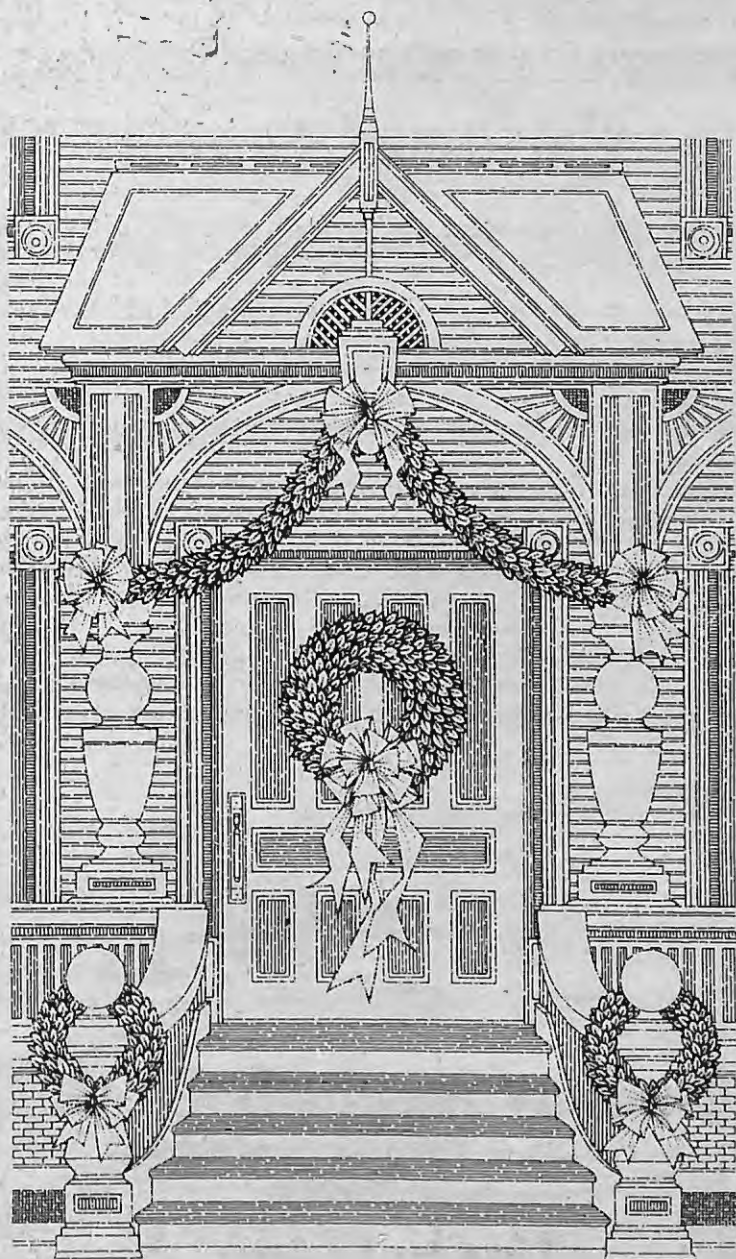
DAVID CLOUSE - From Page 42...

Clouse says hypothermia must be guarded against in winter by staying warm. Other helpful hints to remember are: women should wear pants rather than

skirts; everyone should wear shoes or boots that are comfortable (tight shoes can make your feet feel colder); wearing layers of clothing helps to trap warm air next to your body; and be sure to keep your clothes and

yourself dry.

The most important messages seemed to be "eat right, dress comfortably warm, and don't forget *"Your Friend The Hat."*



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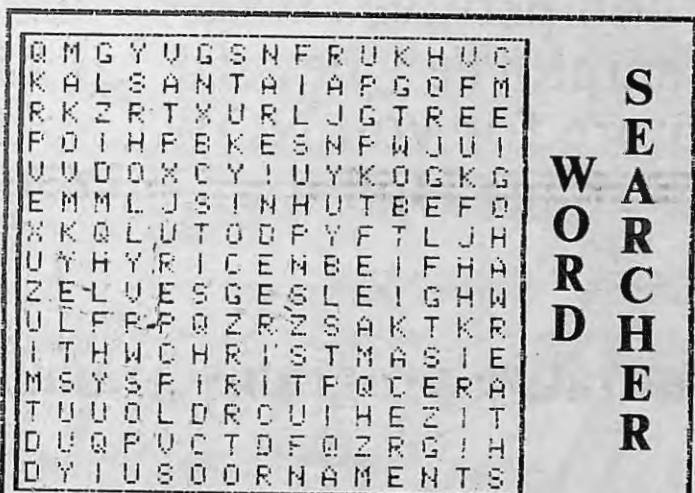


Ho! Ho! Ho! is anyone excited? Not much, huh? Only three more days to wait. Guess what's already here? Winter officially started at 4:46 this morning. I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy your vacation. See you next year!

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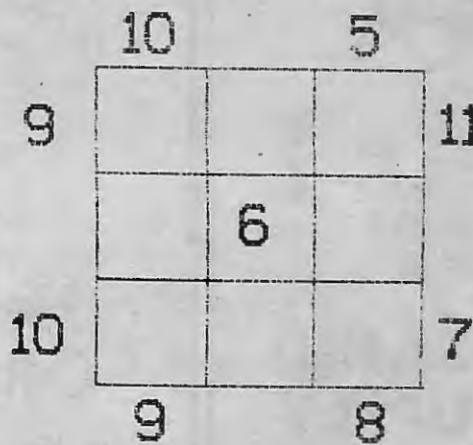
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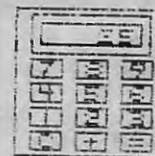


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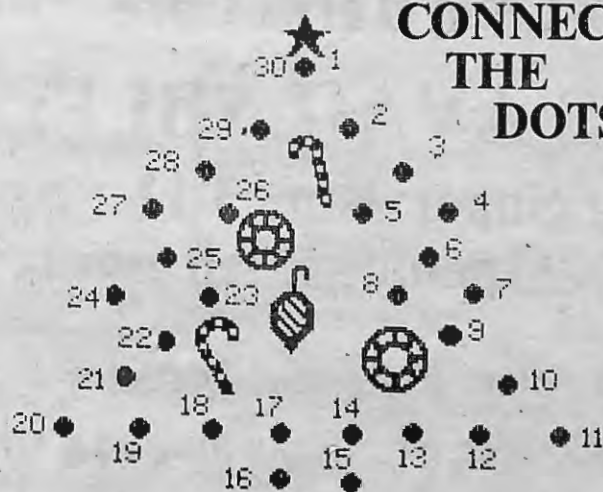


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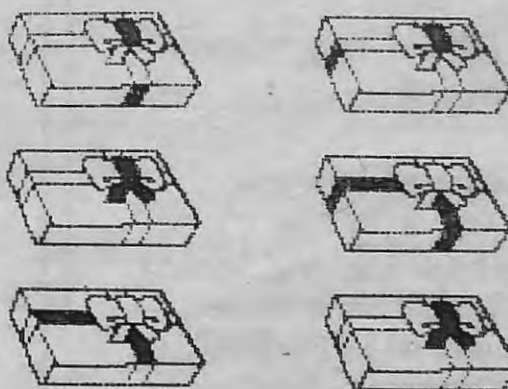
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Science Museum Offers FREE Sunday Programs For Families

The Springfield Science Museum is offering a series of free Sunday afternoon programs for families in January. All programs are at 2:00 p.m., in the Talman Auditorium of the museum.

On **January 3rd**, Jack Megas of the Naturalists' Club will present "Stars Above—Stars Below." His slide program links the mythology and folklore of the constellations, planets, and comets to objects in our everyday lives. Megas discusses the influence of astronomy on the alphabet, word origins, lucky and no-so-lucky numbers, holidays, and even commercial brand names. A collection of globes, star maps, books and other "props" rounds out the program.

A live baby Siberian lynx and bobcat will make an appearance, **January 10th**, with David Baskin of the International Feline Foundation. A licensed breeder of wild felines, Baskin's program stresses the need to preserve the habitats of these majestic cats.

On **January 17th**, Dr. Albert Harper from the University of Connecticut will show slides on "Eskimos and the Natural History of the Arctic."

"Simply Science," a traveling science show from the New England Science Center, Worcester, is scheduled for **January 24th**. The necessary ingredients for magical science tricks are all around us. Learn how vinegar, baking soda, index cards, paper, yardsticks, water, and candles can be used to create unusual effects.

On **January 31st**, escape winter by taking a slide-illustrated journey to enjoy "Springtime in the Desert Southwest." The exotic cocti, wildflowers, mammals, reptiles, and birds of Arizona, New Mexico, and west Texas will be featured along with recorded desert sounds, the fragrance of mesquite incense, and a taste of cactus candy.

All "Month of Sundays Programs" are free, and seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Science Museum is a unit of the Springfield Library and Museums Association, a private, non-profit organization.

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Agawam Cinema Again Helps Open Pantry With Movie

The Agawam Cinema, has, for the third consecutive year, given a free movie for the children of Agawam on the day before Thanksgiving. The only fee required is a can or box of food to be given to the needy.

Flyers announcing this event were passed out in all Agawam schools. Small children were accompanied by a parent. The proceeds of this event were given to the West Springfield Open Pantry, which services Agawam and West Springfield needy.

In previous years, the food went to the Salvation Army and the Springfield Open Pantry. "We of the Cinema plan to continue this as a yearly function," said Wally Gomet, manager of the Cinema. "The afternoon showing of two movies has been, and still is, a fun day for all those who attend. So if you're looking for a fun day for the children, see you next year the day before Thanksgiving at the Agawam Cinema," said Wally.

The committee who served were Chairmen Gomet and Tony B. Assisting them were Mike Matthew, Paul Talbot, Mike Shaunessy, Ernie Tshonias, Jane Messenger, and Ruth E. Zucco.

Rosemarie Meranda Named To "Who's Who" At STCC

The 1988 edition of *Who's Who Among Students In American Junior Colleges* includes Rosemarie Meranda of Feeding Hills, a student at Springfield Technical Community College, who has been selected as a national outstanding campus leader, according to STCC President Andrew M. Scibelli.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the name of Miss Meranda based on her academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success.

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Santa Makes Visit To Clark School PTO



SANTA CLAUS made a visit to James Clark School's Holiday Bazaar. Here, St. Nick is holding Angelina Royand and Michael Paul Hastings.



MONICA MORIARTY, JOHN BITGOOD, and JULIE LUNGARINI are shopping at the James Clark School Holiday Bazaar. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

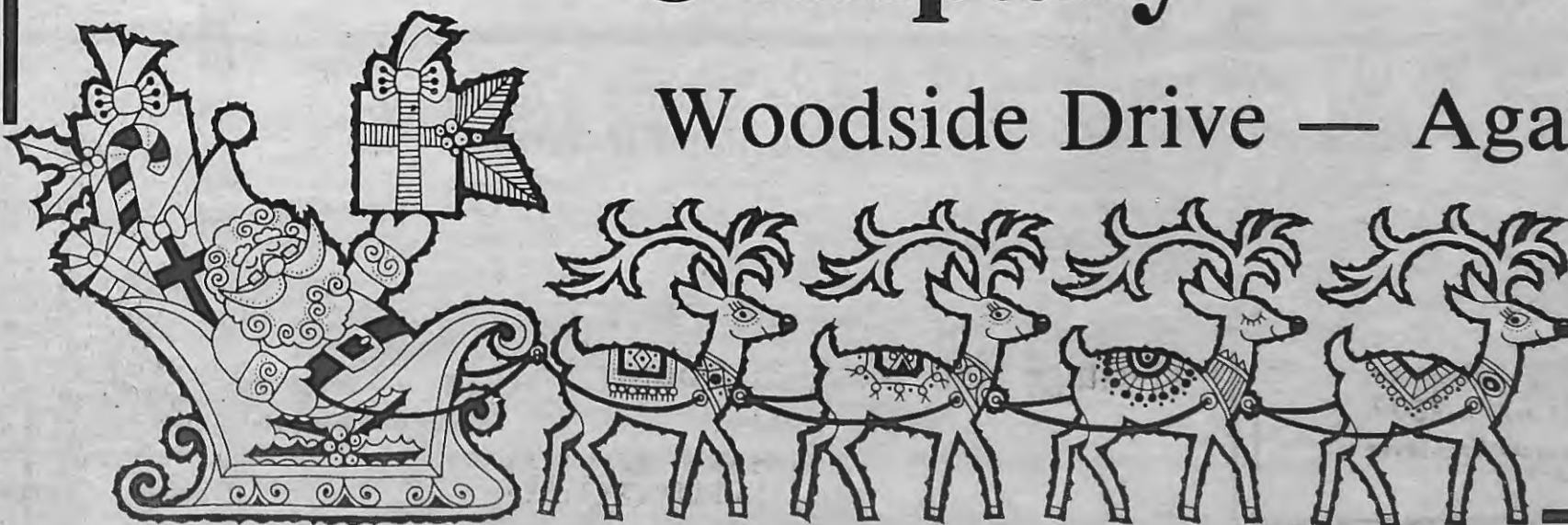


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Robinson Park School Holds Annual Bazaar



ON DECEMBER 10TH, students at Robinson Park Elementary School were treated to a Holiday Bazaar. In photo left, Shawn Powers and Jillian Mitchell can't quite decide what to purchase; while in photo right, Nikita Resamwala and Conor Martin seem to be shopping with a bit more conviction. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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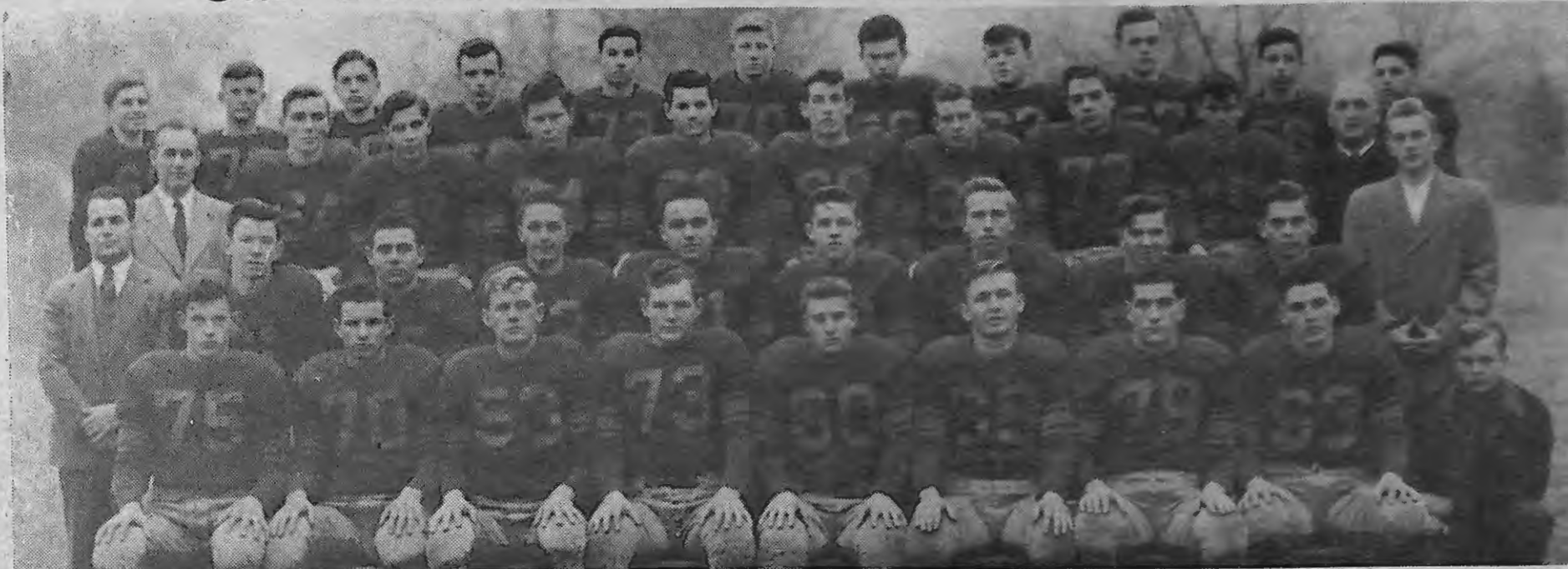
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Can You Name This Former AHS Team?



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Christmas Bazaar At Clark School

A quick visit to James Clark School recently made it clear that Christmas is only a few days away. The Annual Christmas Bazaar was in progress.

The Christmas Store opened at 9:15 a.m., and the children began streaming in by the classroom. They were greeted by Mrs. Claus and Santa's helpers. A Christmas tree was gaily decorated, as were the walls and tables.

There were gifts in abundance to choose from for all ages, including treats for pet dogs and cats. The gifts were handmade by friends of James Clark School.

The highlight of the morning was Santa's visit to each of the classrooms. He had in his pack a candy cane for each of the children, along with his merry "Ho-Ho-Ho" and a gentle reminder to all that "they had better watch out." After a short visit, Santa was off to a distant land to visit other eager children.

Back at the Christmas Store, children were shopping and enjoying a few minutes out of the classrooms. After their purchases were made, they were wished a Merry Christmas by Mrs. Claus, and were given a special grab bag filled with trinkets and treats as their surprise gift.

Happy Holidays to all from your friends at James Clark School.

Perry Lane Park Hears Christmas Stories



LAST WEEK, students at the town's nursery school at Perry Lane Park heard a variety of Christmas stories from Mrs. Claus. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Nicole Macey

Everything is different at Christmas because we decorate the house at Christmas and we have a special dinner at Christmas time. At Christmas we decorate our house with some holly on the mantle with other things, too.

Sarah Nacewicz

I love Christmas because I am pretty. My house is nice at Christmas. Christmas is nice because my house is so pretty. My Christmas tree is pretty.

Jennifer McGuire

My school is different because it has a Christmas tree. And we have a Santa Claus, too.

Joseph Williams

I like Christmas. My house is different at Christmas. Down comes Santa Claus dressed in red and white.

Bridget Donovan

Christmas is fun because I get to slide down the hill and my house has snow on it.

Joshua White

I can give presents to my brother. My brother gives presents to me. We have fun sliding. We can decorate the house because it makes it pretty.

Katharine Theroux

I look pretty on Christmas. My house looks pretty on Christmas. Santa comes to my house on Christmas. My tree makes my house smell different at Christmas.

Shannon Webster

I put up a tree. I had fun. My mommy lets me open a present. My mommy even lets me cook cakes.

Emily Rapp

I like to put up my Christmas tree and I like to give it a lot of shiny ornaments.

Jeffrey Beaudette

The people celebrate God's birthday at Christmas. My home is decorated with stockings hung on my fireplace.

Mark Soticheck

It snows a lot. I like Christmas. On Christmas I get lots of presents.

Brooke Chichakly



THE KID'S KORNER CLASS of Sylvia Sullivan, Phelps School. Back row - Shannon Webster, Michael Lovely, Sarah Nacewicz, Mark Soticheck, Eric Preston, Nicole Macey, Bridget Donovan, and Daniel Balbony. Middle row - Joshua White, Thomas Adams, Tara Fleming, Jennifer McGuire, Naomi Kim, Emily Rapp, and Jillian Abow. Front row - John Houghton, Andrew Bordoni, Joseph Williams, Katharine Theroux, Christopher Wayte, Jeffrey Beaudette, Brooke Chichakly, Alanna Murphy, Michael Grimaldi. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

I like Christmas. I have a big Christmas dinner on Christmas Eve. I have a Christmas tree for Christmas.

Christopher Wayte

I like Christmas because we have a big Christmas tree. It has a lot of ornaments.

Michael Grimaldi

I like the snow. My house is snowy. I like giving presents. We have a special dinner on Christmas.

Daniel Balbony

I like Christmas because I get a lot of presents from Santa. I decorate my house. My house looks pretty.

Brian McIntyre

My home is different because my mom puts up a tree for Christmas. My mom puts ornaments on the tree. I see snowflakes outside. The snowflakes are beautiful.

Naomi Kim

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I like to put up my Christmas tree and I like to put on ornaments. I like to decorate my house.

Jillian Abdow

I like Christmas. Christmas is fun because I get to put up the tree.

Tara Fleming

Christmas is different because the people are smiling. That makes me happy. The tree is very pretty. I don't know why.

Michael Lovely

Santa makes things different in our land.

John Houghton

I like to chop down a Christmas tree and my house is different at Christmas.

Thomas Adams

I like Christmas. It is fun because my dad does decorate the house. It is beautiful. I can make a snowman. My mom makes a pie.

Eric Preston

Christmas trees are beautiful. I like Christmas. It is snowing out. Santa brings presents.

Andrew Bordoni

I like Christmas because you get to open presents and you get lots of toys. And you get to eat candy.

And I like decorating my house and my tree. I think Christmas is about friendship. That is why I like Christmas.

Michelle Raines

One reason why I like Christmas is because all my friends and family get together. And I like going to hospitals and giving out presents to the unfortunate people.

But the one thing Christmas is really about is not getting presents it's giving presents to the ones that are poor.

Bree Hayward

Christmas is special to me because it's Santa's birthday and Jesus is born. I like to give to the poor on Christmas Eve. When I share presents with my family, I am happy and even happier when I get presents. I like to be with my family. Do you?

Cheryl Perkins

I like Christmas for lots of reasons. Christmas is a time for giving, receiving, and sharing.

For most people, waking up on Christmas morning is fun. You go to the kitchen, have breakfast, and then open gifts from friends, and relatives.

Don't forget to say "Happy Birthday" to Jesus. If it wasn't for him, we probably never would have had Christmas.

After Christmas is just as much fun. You get to use maybe a new sled or skates.

Christmas is a wonderful day!

Robert Johnson

I like Christmas because Christ was born and if he hadn't been born, neither would we and there would be no Christmas. I liked to make things in school for people in the hospital. I also like the days off from school. I like giving and receiving presents. My family trades gifts on Christmas Eve.

My sister and I get up at around six o'clock in the morning to look under the Christmas tree. But my favorite thing about Christmas is that Christ was born.

Michael Baggetta

I like Christmas because it's neat. Not just because of the presents. But you can learn things about the Christ child. Not only that we have very nice dinners, too.

I like Christmas because of the presents and I like it because you can learn things that you never knew before.

Melanie Demastrie

I like Christmas because the Christ child was born on that Christmas day. Why we wouldn't be celebrating it right now. Mary and Joseph cared very much for Jesus. Soon Jesus grew older and soon he loved and cared for everyone. You see there would be no Christmas. So please think of Jesus on Christmas day because Jesus loves everyone. And you should love him.

Lucas Taylor

I like Christmas because I like giving. I think everyone should have a good time at Christmas. But not all people have Christmas. Just like people on the streets. They usually don't have Christmas. I like visiting my dad and opening presents. Just think if God wasn't born, we would not have Christmas we would not be alive.

Megan Krynicki

I like Christmas because Jesus was born. If Jesus wasn't born, we wouldn't be here. So you should be happy.

Another thing that I like about Christmas is getting the tree. On Christmas I like seeing my family. So you heard everything I like about Christmas. What do you like about Christmas?

Meredith Siano

I like Christmas because I get gifts. I like it because it is the birthday of Jesus. My family decorates the Christmas tree. We have turkey dinner and all the trimmings. On Christmas Eve my family and I go to see our cousins, unwrap gifts and play games. I like Christmas because it is fun.

Drake Descant

The reason why I like Christmas is because my whole family gets together. And my family opens their gifts. After we open our gifts we sit down at the dinner table and we say our prayers. Then food gets passed out and then we eat.

My family goes to visit my aunts and uncles. Sometimes my friends' mothers come over to visit on Christmas. I will give them a gift then they give me one.

That's the reason I like Christmas.

Kimberley Clark

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White, Happy
Decorating, Rolling, Building
My snowman is happy.
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Small, Helpful
Making, Gluing, Nailing
Elves make good toys.
Helper

by Chad Moore

Reindeer

Horned, Shy
Pulling, Helping, Carrying
Reindeer help Santa alot.
Rudolf

by Joel Roberts

Santa

Jolly, Happy
Giving, Making, Sending
I like Santa alot.
St. Nick

by Jessica Couture

Stocking

Red, Furry
Filling, Hanging, Surprising
They get filled up.
Sock

by Shannon Gilmartin

Fireplace

Cozy, Peaceful
Warming, Burning, Smoking
Fireplaces keep you warm.
Heater

by Stephen Virella

Gingerbread

Yummy, Crunchy
Biting, Tasting, Liking
I like gingerbread men.
Cookie

by Jordan Page

Tree

Pine, Green
Decorating, Lighting, Scenting
I like my tree.
Plant

by Sarah Fede



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Ornaments

Beautiful, Delicate
Hanging, Breaking, Decorating
Ornaments are very beautiful.
Balls

by Rita Reshamwala

Snowman

White, Jolly
Smiling, Making, Rounding
He is very nice
Snow

by Jill Mason

Stocking

Bright, Cheerful
Shining, Exciting, Hanging
Stockings are very bright.
Sock

by Lori Swikalus

Frosty

Round, Snowy
Rolling, Making, Looking
Frosty is very friendly.
Snowman

by Jason Jean

Train

Noisy, Exciting
Riding, Rolling, Passing
Trains are very nice.
Locomotive

by James Arenstam

Stocking

Colorful, Designed
Hanging, Decorating, Filling
Stockings are very nice.
Sock

by Erica Small

Colorful, Square
Falling, Playing, Using
Watch them fall down.
Toys

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Sports

Brownie Grapplers Win 29th Straight

by Michael S. Sardella
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Don't look now but the Agawam High wrestling team is at it again. After having the finest year ever in the school's history a year ago, the Brownies are showing that kind of dominance again as they posted two easy victories to open the 1987-88 season.

The Brownies have now reeled off 29 consecutive regular season victories.

The opening victories were almost identical. AHS clobbered Central High of Springfield, 58-12 (with eight pins), and then smothered East Longmeadow (nine pins). Not a bad start, eh?

No, not bad at all. But when comparing it with last year, the numbers really don't match - in 1986-87, only once did the Brownies allow an opponent more than 10 points in a meet (and AHS has allowed 12 in two meets already). But how the heck can a team continue to run-up those kind of numbers? And believe it, Coach Phil Tomkiel isn't complaining.

"Well, the streak (29 straight) is still going but we're trying not to think about it," says Tomkiel. "Realistically, the streak will have to end at some point. So I'm not going to put so much thought into it. We just have to take one meet at a time."

Which is what the locals are doing. The opener vs. Central (58-12), Wednesday, December 16th, saw the Brownies on a roll (except for two matches).

Starting at 103-pounds, Danny Felix, a junior, in his first varsity match, was pinned by the Golden Eagles' John Davis in 1:16. The locals went on to take the next seven weight classes.

At 112-pounds, Michael Phelps recorded a major decision with a 15-6 win. Charlie Webber followed with a pin at 5:48 in the 119-pound class, and two-time Western Mass. champ Jim Pirro pinned his man in 1:11 in the 125-pound class.

At 130-pounds, freshman Frank Demarinis, in his varsity debut, pinned Alto Daniels at 4:33 after trailing 7-4. Senior Tom Cascio, at 135-pounds, pinned Jeremy Merrian at 1:52. Senior Alan Boucher (140-pounds) followed with a pin over Jeff Blair in 1:34.

Wrestling at 145-pounds, Mike Gasteyer recorded Agawam's sixth straight win in 1:09 over Lester Towers. Next up was Bill Berte at 152-pounds, and he dropped the locals' second match after being pinned by Dwayne Bairy (two-time WM champ) at 1:14.

At 160-pounds, senior Tony Langone got his team's seventh pin at 3:53 over Reggie Johnson. Jeff Retzler posted a 6-2 win at 171-pounds, while Rich DiLullo (189-pounds) picked up a win by a 6-1 score. In the heavyweight division, senior Scott Mazza pinned Rich Stewart at the 5:38 mark.

Three days later, Saturday, December 19th, the local grapplers posted another easy win - this time over Longmeadow (54-12) at AHS. The Brownies took six pins out of the first seven matches to start the rout. It brought more memories of last year.

The results were as follows: 103, Felix - pinned in 1:12; 112, Phelps - pinned in 4:32; 119, Webber - got pinned in 3:54; 125, Pirro - pinned in 1:17; 130, Demarinis - pinned in 1:46; 135, Cascio - pinned in 3:24; 140, Boucher - pinned in 2:28; 145, Gasteyer - won, 6-0; 152, Berte - pinned in 1:44; 160, Langone - won, 8-1; 171, Retzler - lost, 7-2; 189, DiLullo - lost, 10-8; and heavyweight, Mazza - pinned in 5:00.

Says Tomkiel, who's now at his 14th year directing traffic from the sidelines, "Overall, I was pleased with how we opened the season. Most of the returners per-

formed to their capabilities. The losses we had were by the new kids - and that doesn't bother me because once they get experience behind them, they'll be tough to beat like everyone else. But it takes hard work and lots of desire in this sport, and that goes for everyone."

Tomkiel should know what it takes to be a winner - he was one for the former Springfield Tech High. He won the WM title at 114-pounds during his schoolboy days. Tomkiel wouldn't say what year he graduated from Tech, but let's just say it was around the time that Tom Seaver was doing his thing for the original Amazin' Mets.

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by Ralph Rachele

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AHS Sextet Wins Opening 2 Games

by Michael S. Sardella
Advertiser News Sports Editor

By opening the season with victories over Ludlow and Amherst, the Agawam High hockey team let area opponents know they're back this year to defend their Western Mass. title. And with three of the best players in the region, along with a fine supporting cast, it's going to be a very interesting winter.

In the seasonal opener, Wednesday, December 16th, the Brownies eeked-out a tough, 3-2 victory over Ludlow as a strong second period keyed the win. The independent game was played at the Coliseum in West Springfield.

"Overall, we didn't look that good," noted coach Len Bruso, who led the Brownies to the Division II WM title last year. "We were outshot, but we took advantage of the opportunities we had on offense. Basically, we did what we had to do win the game."

After Ludlow took a 1-0 lead in the opening period, seniors Rick Parolo and Dennis Punch set-up junior Dan Asselin for the tying goal. It was 1-1 at the end of one stanza.

Ludlow took a 2-1 lead early in the second period, but the Brownies came right back again. Junior Tom Greene took a pass from senior Paul Karam and found the back of the net for the tying goal midway through the second period. Before the period's end, the locals took the lead for good.

Junior Dan Fugiel lit-up the cage for the tally that turned out to be the game-winner. Punch, the premiere defenseman in the region last year, assisted on the goal (his second).

Junior netminder David Laudato kept the Lions off the board the rest of the way and it went in the books as a 3-2 victory. And the locals took it, although they didn't necessarily deserve it.

Two days later, Friday, December 18th, Agawam went up against an Amherst Regional sextet at the Coliseum and posted a 3-0 win for their second straight. Amherst was coming-off an 8-1 loss to a very strong West Springfield club.

Parolo led the way with two goals and an assist, but

it was the defense that sparked this win. Particularly Punch and Laudato.

Laudato, an All-WM goalie last year, stopped 30 shots in a fantastic performance. He recorded his first shutout of the year.

"Dave was at his best in this one," noted Bruso. "When he gets on one of those grooves of his, nothing will get past him. He's really fun to watch and it was nice to see him have such a good game so early in the season."

After a scoreless first period, Parolo weaved his magic with the first of two goals at 12:32 of the second period on an assist from Punch.

With just 57 seconds left in the period, Parolo set-up Greene, who scored a powerplay goal to make it 2-0. It was a pretty feed from Parolo and Greene didn't waste it.

Parolo closed-out the scoring at 11:16 of the final period to make the final 3-0. Green and Karam assisted on the tally.

Although the Brownies held the edge in shots, Amherst did have its chances. But Laudato was there to respond to every bid.

"Although Dave, Dennis, and Ricky had fantastic games, I was pleased to see the whole team involved in the game," noted Bruso. "We have to keep working hard if we want to keep winning. Defense is the key for us. Without it we wouldn't do much out there."

The Brownies look serious in giving Cathedral and West Side a battle for the Berry Division title this year (which AHS shared with Cathedral last year).

Next up is Minnechaug Regional, Tuesday, December 22nd (Coliseum), followed by week's layoff before facing Longmeadow, Tuesday, December 29th (Coliseum).

SLAP SHOTS: The Brownies have allowed only two goals in six periods so far this year...Parolo leads the team with two goals and two assists (4 points). Greene has 2 goals and 1 assist...Junior forward Mike Passirini missed both games due to illness...Sophomore Brendan Blake injured his knee in the Ludlow game and was sidelined for the Amherst game...

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Frosh Hoop Use OT To Take Holyoke; Drub Ludlow, 65-47

by Michael S. Sardella
Advertiser News Sports Editor

With a rather small team, but one that possesses exceptional speed, the Agawam Junior High freshman basketball team will be trying to continue its terrific success at the expense of area freshman programs for the 1987-88 season.

After last year's sparkling 15-2 season, the team will have to make a few adjustments - the biggest of which is 10 members from last year's team are now playing at the high school.

Still, the Warriors opened with a thrilling, 47-45 overtime victory over Holyoke. Down by 10 with under four minutes left to play, the locals began a searing comeback that climaxed when Dave Kozel conned two foul shots with six seconds on the clock to send the game into OT. Todd Hyland led the Warriors with 16 points.

Following that thriller, the Warriors drubbed Ludlow, 65-47, in a true blowout. The Brownies were up, 34-8 at one point.

Going into the season the Warriors were faced with losing their two top scorers from last year to the Agawam High varsity - Jason Wooley and Shawn Smith. The other eight players from last year who left are now on the AHS junior varsity. So, second-year coach Jim Phelan has a bunch of new faces to work with his season.

"This really is a well-balanced team," says Phelan, who has been an assistant football coach for three years at the high school. "We don't have much height, but the guys make up for it with their speed. Perhaps the most intriguing aspect of the team is that they are good all-around players. Each of them will get some time on the court, so we'll usually have fresh legs out there."

Although players such as Wooley (17.0 per game) and Smith (13.0) cannot be easily replaced, it appears that this year's team has the right chemistry to be successful. Phelan has 12 players to work with, and each should contribute in some way during the winter season.

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Next up for the locals are Frontier and Northampton (tri-meet), Wednesday, December 23rd (at 'Hamp). Beyond that is the Annual Christmas Tournament hosted by AHS, Tuesday, December 29th. The tourney



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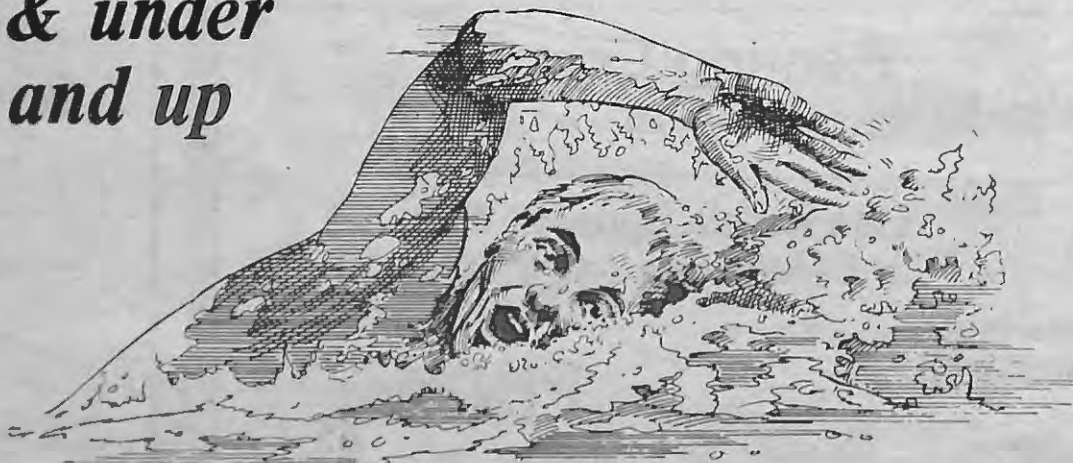
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The tallest Warrior is Brett Boskiewicz, who brushes the six-foot mark. Boskiewicz, who was a solid goaltender for the fall soccer team at the junior high, has tendonitis in his knee, but it shouldn't cause him to miss any games, according to Phelan (but you can never tell with those things). He will be the team's pivot man this year.

One of the best shooters on the team is Todd Hyland, who is no stranger to success in the freshman ranks. Hyland set a school record with 70 points last fall on the soccer field, and he should fill the net from the outside with consistency, as well as be an assists man.

Another good shooter is Chris Corgan, who should launch his share of shots. On the inside, forwards Dave Kozel and Bryan Connery should provide the team with some muscle. Other forwards who Phelan looks to contribute are John Maki, Chris Mitchell, and Chris McGrath (a real muscleman).

Four other guards that Phelan is looking to far depth are Karl Vivenzio, Mike Pelligreno, and Mike Meagher.

Talking about his squad, Phelan tells us, "The key to our success will be our defense. We have to put pressure on the ball at all times and force turnovers. This will get our running game going. We have to run to win."

The Warriors should be in good shape for another banner year in 1987-88, although Corgan, one of the team's better shooters, was suffering from bone spurs as the season got underway.

The locals next face Amherst, Tuesday, December 22nd (away).

Brownie Gals Fly Past Holyoke, 52-35

by Michael S. Sardella
Advertiser News Sports Editor

"When the going gets tough, the tough get going." That's a cliché Billy Ocean reminds everyone about in his song and it fits perfectly when talking about the second straight win that the Agawam High girls' basketball team posted last week. It was a 52-35 decision over Holyoke, Friday, December 18th.

The Brownies trailed, 23-18 at halftime, but they came out smoking and spitting fire in the second half to completely dominate Purple Knights. Second-year coach Lou Conte was pleased with his team's second half effort.

"The girls really took it to 'em after the first half," says Conte, who ranks as one of the best three-sport athletes to ever attend AHS (1971 graduate). "We weren't playing with much enthusiasm in the opening half, but the girls played very emotionally in the second half. The team just came alive."

And did they ever come alive - or better yet, they

simply erupted. The girls in the orange and brown opened the third period with a devastating, 18-0 run to go from five points down to 13 points up. The rest was history. By quarter's end the Brownies held a 38-29 advantage, and they cruised home the final eight minutes.

Although the whole team got involved in the big, come-from-behind victory, there were a few individual performances keyed the huge second-half uprising.

Junior guard Lori Desimone, who finished the game with a game-high 20 points, scored 16 of them in the second half. She drove effectively to the hoop and took

control offensively for the locals. Desimone scored 10 points in the third quarter and added six more in the fourth.

Junior Traci Trudel established herself inside as she took over the rebounding duties, enabling the locals to run more effectively on offense. A then there was sophomore Jennifer Scaggs, who put handcuffs on Holyoke's high-scoring Judy Peltier in the second half.

Peltier had 10 points in the first half, but Scaggs held her scoreless in the second.

"There was no question that the defense was the reason for this win," noted Conte. "In order for us to get a win, we must play strong defense and rebound. And that's just what we did."

The game was knotted, 12-12 at the first quarter's end, and the Purple Knights went up five (23-18) at halftime. But the torrid third quarter by the Brownies gave them the upperhand to coast to the victory.

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MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY GIRLS' basketball team. Back row, from left - Brie Cosgrove, Kristin Wing, Maura Martin, Sharon Phaneuf, Allyson Manning, and Coach Lickley. Front row - Gina DePalma, Shannon Bielitz, Joy Clark, Katie Burns, and Lisa Suffriti. Advertiser News

photo by Jack Devine.

GIRLS' HOOP - From Page 58...

A few efforts by the bench helped the locals in this one, most notably Missy Danio, who played a strong inside game. Also playing well was Missy Brown, a sophomore.

One of the factors that makes this Agawam win more satisfying is the fact they were without star forward Cathy Scaggs. The sophomore athlete, who is one of the best all-around players in WM, again broke her nose. She broke it for the first time back in October during the soccer season (in a gym class). And where did this second nose-break take place? You guessed it. Gym class.

Unfortunately, the injury will keep Scaggs out of the lineup for about two weeks. For the sake of the Brownies' girls athletic programs, Scaggs should go to a study hall when she's scheduled to take gym again. Says Conte, "Needless to say, losing Cathy hurts us.

But we proved against Holyoke that we could win without her if we put our minds to it. Hopefully, we'll survive until she gets back into the lineup."

Next up for the Brownies is Minnechaug Regional, Wednesday, December 23rd (away). Beyond that is Chicopee, a very strong girls' program, Monday, December 28th (home).

OFF THE GLASS: Trudel, who started in place of Cathy Scaggs, snagged 10 rebounds...Desimone scored 12 of her 20 points from the inside on layups...Agawam outscored Holyoke by a 14-6 margin in the fourth quarter...Overall, the Brownies are shooting 42 percent from the floor and 35 percent from the foul line...The locals have yet to hit a 3-point shot...Desimone is at a 16.0 scoring clip through two games...Agawam has outscored its opponents by a 98-66 margin...Scaggs had her nose operated on the day of the Holyoke game (Friday, December 18th).



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The Westfield State women's soccer team finished its 1987 season with a 6-5-3 record under veteran coach Bob Harrington. Westfield got off to a slow start, going 1-3-1 before recording a 4-0-2 record over the next six games. The highlight of the season was a 1-0 victory over MASCAC champion North Adams State.

On the roster from Agawam are Lisa Chevalier, daughter of Douglas & Katherine Chevalier of 59 North Alhambra Circle, Agawam. She was an All-Western Mass. performer in soccer and basketball at Agawam High, and Lori Harpin, daughter of Fred & Christine Harpin of 32 Federal Street, Agawam. The Agawam High graduate is a sophomore at Westfield, and was an All-Conference honorable mention pick.

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AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL CENTER JEFF REECE battles Cathedral High School forwards for the rebound during first half action last Friday night. The Brownies won, 73-57, with Reece and Jeff Peterson, the beef boys, scoring 16 points each. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Reece, Peterson, & DiLullo Pace AHS Past Cathedral

by Michael S. Sardella
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Led by seniors Jeff Reece, Jeff Peterson, and Mike DiLullo, the Agawam High basketball Brownies posted their second straight victory with a convincing, 73-57 win over Cathedral High, Friday, December 18th, at the AHS gym.

Both Reece and Peterson, the beef boys, scored 16 points, and DiLullo added 14 for the Brownies. The locals had stopped Holyoke, 76-61 in the seasonal opener.

"Our defense was the key in this one," noted coach Mike Martin. "We were a little sluggish in spurts on offense and we had a few dry spells, but the defense was there to pick us up and carry us through for the win."

Defense was the name of the game for the Brownies as they forced many turnovers and took the Panthers out of their offense most of the game. The Brownies were just more aggressive at both ends.

With a starting five of Jim Lockwood, Chris Ollari, DiLullo, Peterson, and Reece, the locals rocketed out of the gate for an 11-0 lead. DiLullo (5 points) and Reece (4) led the way in that early surge, as the Panthers couldn't have thrown the ball into the ocean.

It took the visitors over three minutes to get on the board, and once they did, their play picked up. The Panthers went on to outscore the locals by a 10-8 margin to stay within 19-10 at the first quarter's end.

The second quarter started with the Brownies going on an 8-2 run to take a 27-12 lead, but CHS hung tough and started to match hoops. The Panthers got to within four points after a six-point chain with 2:20 left in the half (31-27), but Peterson got two hoops and junior Erich Fogg added two foul shots to put the Brownies back into the comfort zone.

A few seconds later the half ended, and the Brownies were up by 11. It was a deserved lead as the locals exhibited some fine hustle and scrappy play.

Reece made his presence known in the opening, if with 10 points and 5 boards, while Peterson contributed 12 points and 4 boards. Lockwood had three assists and the Brownies' offense at an upbeat pace.

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BOYS' HOOP - From Page 61...

The third quarter started with the teams trading two hoops each. After a few minutes of backyard play by both squads, the Panthers again started to cut into the deficit behind guard Paul Wissel. He hit a running right-hander and a 3-point shot from the left corner.

But DiLullo canned a jumper and junior guard Aaron Vanderhoof swished four foul shots as the locals finished the quarter strong to take a 56-44 lead into the final 8 minutes. The third quarter was anything but smooth, but the Brownies did outscore CHS, 18-17 just the same.

The Panthers went on a little run to open the fourth quarter behind junior forward Marcus Lee, the same Marcus Lee who single-handedly beat the Brownies in early-October on the football field with three long touchdowns. But 7 points was as close as CHS would get the rest of the way (58-51) as the locals began to dig-in on defense. As a result, their offense picked-up.

The Brownies rattled-off 11 straight points (Peterson layup, DiLullo 3-pointer, John Serra jumper, Reece layup, and two Lockwood foul shots) to take a commanding, 69-51 lead with only 1:48 to play and that was all she wrote.

The teams traded a few hoops at the end to make the final, 73-57, and all was well at the AHS gym.

"Although we didn't shoot too well at times, I was happy to see the guys continuing to put the ball up," said Martin, who's now in his third year at the helm. "We'll be seeing many of the guys coming into their own as basketball players as long as they keep working hard."

Next up for the Brownie hoopsters is an independent game vs. Greenfield, Wednesday, December 23rd. This is the Brownies' second game in the midst of a four-game homestand. After Greenfield, the locals will play Holyoke, Wednesday, December 30th.

FOUL SHOTS: Reece and Peterson, who led the team with 16 points each, had 10 and 8 rebounds, respectively...Lockwood finished with 5 assists...Agawam outscored Cathedral, 17-13 in the final quarter...Other Brownie scorers included Lockwood (6), Ollari (6), Vanderhoof (6), Serra (4), Fogg (4)...DiLullo had two 3-pointers in the game...The Brownies converted 23-30 from the foul line (77 percent)...Overall, the team is shooting 71 percent from the line so far (35-49), and 43 percent from the field (53-122)...Agawam has outscored its opponents by a 149-111 margin in the opening two games. Six of the Brownie hoop players received All-Western Mass. tabs in football - Jeff Reece and John Serra (first team offense); Chris Ollari (first team defense); Jim Lockwood and Jason Wooley (honorable mention offense); and Jeff Peterson (honorable mention defense).



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM. Back row, from left - Coach Mike Martin, Mike DiLullo, Joe Kosinski, Jeff Reece, Erich Fogg, John Serra, Chris Ollari, and JV Coach Dean Vecchiarelli. Front row - Shawn Smith, Aaron Vanderhoof, Jim Lockwood, Jeff Peterson, Jason Wooley, and Jack Patterson. In front is honorary team member Mike Martin, who's the team's ballboy. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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St. Louis Continues To Lead Pack In Tri-Parish Bowling

St. Louis continues to be a powerhouse in the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League at the Agawam Bowl.

St. Lou, the runaway Round One winners, continues to lead the pack in Round Two after three weeks of rolling. St. Lou has 10 wins. In second place is surprising St. Mary (8 wins), tied with a much better Holy Cross team (8 wins).

St. Lou send Fordham reeling, three wins to one in the round's third match. The big swino came when TOM BURR fired a 301 and slumping RENE JURY continued to flounder with a lowly 269. Also, our Round One Most Valuable Player, captain DEBBIE POIRIER, moved her average o 106.3 after destroying outclassed Fordham captain ANN O'CONNELL, the Class AAA Women's leader (99.7).

Fordham had opened the match with the big upset in mind. BOB PICKETT narrowly defeated CINDY KOZAK, 246-245, and DEBBIE GEORGE defeated JIM McNamee. By the way, Tom Burr is now sporting a nifty 101.14 average, giving St. Lou the best one-two punch (Burr-Poirier) in the league.

St. Mary continued its good rolling in Round Two in battling Georgetown (6th place-6 wins). But St. Mary's only winner was PEG TASSINARI (267). G-Town, a team that came on strong in Round One, finished with a flurry when PAT RESCIGNO (266), CHERYL PRZESZLO (273), and captain AL "The Fearsome One" MOCCIO (341) all were winners. "The Fearsome One" just defeated St. Mary's captain FRED MORASSI (335). Moccio is the Men's Division AAA leader with a 108.17 average, while Morassi, who is coming on this round, is firing a 104.38.

Villanova (10th place-4 wins) continued its nose-dive to the cellar when third place Holy Cross destroyed them, four wins to none. HC winners were CAROLINE COELLN (294) and captain GEORGE LANE (321). He trounced Villanova captain FRANK "The Lordly Barber" RESCIGNO by 34 pins (287), and the destruction of Villanova was on. Poor Frankie - he must be feeling the stress of the holiday season, as well as his upcoming wedding (although he's not getting married until next October - we wonder what he'll be like this spring).

Villanova did have two winners - MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN (262) and STEP STEPANIAN (280) in a battle vs. HC's CHRIS STEPANIAN. Maybeth tried to console the sullen "Lordly Barber," but Frankie was on his way to J.W. Wimpy's for a double or triple.

BC continued its improved rolling (4th place-7 wins) by taking-out poor, lethargic, patsy, wimpy St. Michael (last place-1 wins). BC winners were JAY LAGODITZ (280), JIM BURLINGHAM (302), KATHY PRZESZLO (295), and captain LARRY VIENS (310). St. Mike's beleaguered captain, MIKE O'CONNELL, did have a good night with a 308, but when he's on, his team is off. And when his team is on, he's off. What a sad, sad tale.

St. Anselm (5th place-7 wins) captured three wins from Notre Dame (8th place-5 wins), a team that figured to make some noise this round. St. A's winners were substitute EDDIE GALLERANI (310) - Eddie had not bowled in four years (not bad, eh?) and AUDREY PHILLIPS (284). ND winners were ESTHER DEPALO (277) and captain JOHN RESCIGNO (284). However, John could not smash St. A's captain VI MASSOIA to turn the match. Vi held her own with a 283.

In the final match of the night, last year's Grand Champions, Loyola, a roller-coaster team in the 1987-88 season, was fighting an uphill battle this week. Loyola had a bye in the third week and could not make up much ground at all. Not one of the team's four rollers could strike for their average, so they were not awarded a single win.

The group left in a hurry, and refused comment to the press (NBC "Nightly News," CNN, and *The Boston Globe*). It was a bad night for all concerned. Captain STEVE ROVITHIS, who sports a nice average of 105.17, was not happy at all.

TOWN OF AGAWAM LEGAL NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing in the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library, Agawam, Thursday, January 14th, 1988, at 7:30 P.M. o'clock to all parties interested in the appeal of McDonald's Corporation who is seeking relief from Section 20-51 of the Agawam Zoning Ordinance to allow for the alteration of a parking lot in conjunction with the proposed construction of a drive in window at the premises identified as 860 SUFFIELD STREET.

By order of Board of Appeals
Ronald LaRiviere

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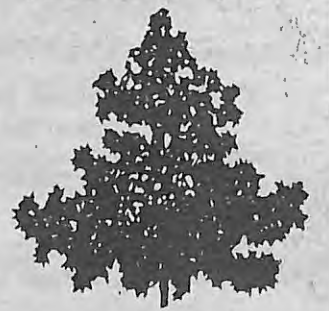
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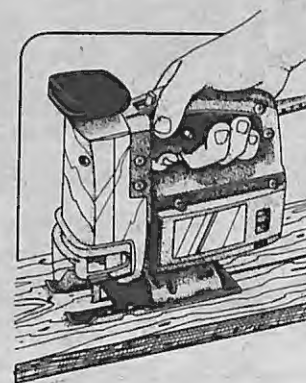
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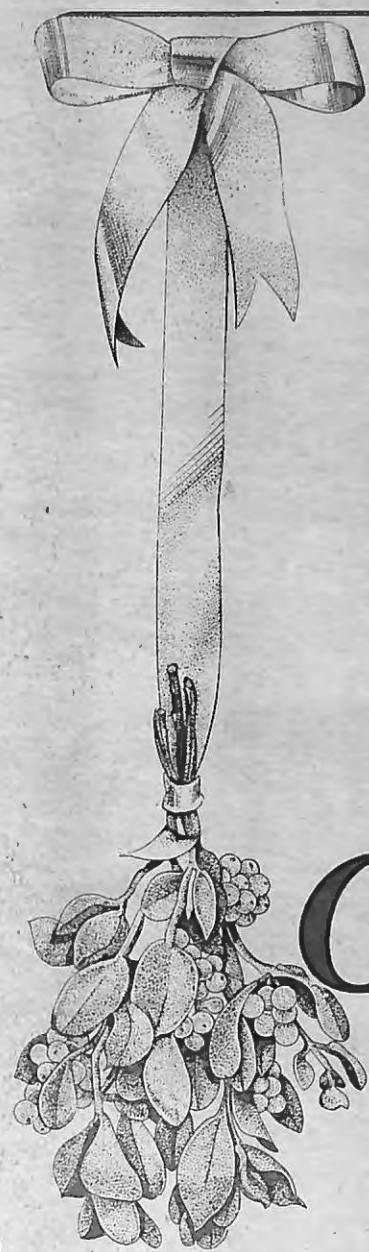
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